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AN EDITORIAL

THE NOSTALGIC SIGHTS, sounds and smells of Christmas perfume the atmosphere. Advent candles are burning down and Christmas decorations are going up. Plays, pageants, cantatas, recitations, and dramas are programmed in every church. Families will be gathering. Around the tree we will be sharing. It is Christmastime. Wonderful, wonderful Christmastime.

That is, for many it is wonderful. Where families are complete and where there is health and a certain measure of prosperity there will be outward indications, at least, of a happy, joyous celebration. For the unemployed, the bereaved, and the ill those outward signs may be missing.

But, then, maybe they won't; for the true criteria of happiness is found not in the tinsel, the paper wrappings and the multicolored lights. Nor is it found in the value or the abundance of the gifts that are exchanged.

How easy it is to slide into the trancelike state—to be conditioned and programmed by a commercialized society that emphasizes material things. Many will be measuring the impact of December 25,

1982, by the gross national product, the balance of payments, or the volume of merchandise moved. The brutal reality is that these materialistic indicators have a way of affecting all of us. By contrast, we should be remembering a Baby and the significance of His birth in our world.

Would it be possible to pull back the trappings? To look around the dollar signs and get a fresh glimpse of the Savior of our world?

Every year we talk about it, but do we really mean it? Further, do we actually try to put Christ back into Christmas? Perhaps a deliberate

and conscious effort to do so could be invigorating. It could provide a fresh concept of what this sacred season could mean to all of us.

Christmas will be full of wonder indeed, if, because of a spiritual celebration, there will be accompanying spiritual commitments. This will be especially so if such commitments reflect the return of a backslider to his Lord and Savior, or the first step of faith by a new believer. Then the season will have found its true meaning and the time of celebration will be wonderful indeed. May it be so for you and your families. □

A WONDER-FULL CHRISTMAS

ITS TRUE MEANING INCLUDES
SPIRITUAL CELEBRATION
AND COMMITMENTS.



by General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson

Lasting Joy



CHRISTMAS—

A beautiful, magical time of year!
For a month, well, nearly two nowadays,
people respond to the call of giving
and festivity. Even though it may be
in the hands of the greedy, the profiteers,
the merchants—what matters most is that
the outcome is uniquely distinct,
joyous beauty.

JOY! THAT'S WHAT IT IS!

The world really knows no joy.
People live rutted, ruinous lives year in,
year out. Yes, they change—
some for the good, many for the worse—
as they trudge along seeking peaceful
satisfaction, pleasant identity,
good position and wealth for themselves.

AND THEY NEVER KNOW JOY!

Oh, they come close to it many times;
once, perhaps, at marriage, that time
of new beginnings and discovery
and intimate sharing; then again
at the birth of the first child,
and perhaps all subsequent newborns,
with their red wrinkles and damped
squalls, and particular charismas.
These are times of giving and sharing,
and they, too, approach the realms of joy.
Yet, aside from these and other lesser
occasions of happiness—a job promotion,
and other advancement or achievement—

JOY EVADES THE WORLD.

Though we try our hardest to capture it—
to catch its bliss for a moment
and revel in its simple beauty at times—
like waving at our loved ones
until the car disappears from sight—
or holding on to a departing one's hand
as life slips away. From such moments,
there is a sharp sadness of loss,
but a remembered peace as well.

JOY IS FLEETING—GONE!

But we know it was there.
We shared the experience and almost
tasted its sweetness. Yet we have it not,
and hunger for it again.
That hunger becomes a drive within us—
We hope for it; work for it;
We lust after its peace.

CREATIVELY WE TRY

to reproduce joy, adding occasion to occasion,
and pomp and circumstance to the mundane.

We take pictures of it, brag on it,
and frame it—It obsesses us.

Then we discover that the elusive emotion
has something to do with giving.

So we "hype-up" Christmas with ribbons
and gifts and lights, sweet aromas
and delicious food.

AND FOR A MONTH OR SO,

we scramble and party and truly interact
with one another. And the momentum within
our souls picks up. We feel warm inside
as we give and forgive and begin
to let down the barriers that
hold the real "us" in.

And this hyped-up occasion, because of its
intrinsic nature, becomes a time of beauty!

AND IT IS MAGIC!

For once in the year we might be overwhelmed
by the very essence of life, if we would.

For on that eve, our voices cry out,
and our hearts sing expectantly
with life and hope and love.

And then, when the packages are opened
by excited little fingers and gnarled
old hands, and the smiles and shouts
of happiness spring forth and echo
in our spirits—we see and hear and feel
and touch at the joy of life.

SOME MAY TRULY KNOW JOY!

For they know Him. And those who know it,
live it. They know that the joy of Christmas
is not in the gifts or the
self-satisfaction of making someone
happily grateful for a day, only to neglect
them again until the next special occasion,
when, once again, they might self-
righteously contribute to a life
by way of a mere material token.

THEY KNOW HIM

if they know joy at all. For He did not
give a gift, or wrap a present,
or bring immediate smiles and laughter
to expecting, excited children.

He was the gift, "God with us."
And in Him lies the purpose of life.
"In him was life, and the life was the
light of man." He is giving; He is joy;
He is hope; He is truth!

AND ALL WHO PARTAKE OF HIM

know the joy of life. The very things
the world chases after, and longs for,
are found in Him. And the one who simply
believes and trusts in Him knows

TRUE JOY!

—JOHN F. HAY, JR.
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HAPPY DEACONESS

Just recently I read Dr. Great-house's editorial on "Women in Ministry." There are many areas in our church where a woman can participate. One is as a deaconess. Many of our people do not know, or have ever heard, what a deaconess is or does.

I am a deaconess in the Wichita Falls First Church. I'm also a wife, the mother of 3 grown children, and have 15 grandchildren, 3 of which have already gone to be with Jesus. I love reading, studying, and learning all I can, and this particular ministry gives me that opportunity. There's a

two-year course of study and it's thrilling to learn from this and then be able to put that knowledge to work.

I sincerely urge more women, young and old, to get involved, to carry out Christ's commission to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and minister to them by caring and loving everyone.

*Mrs. Dorothy J. Ulrich
Wichita Falls, Texas*

AMERICAN VISIT

The 1939-45 war took me to Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. I was in the

R.A.F. as an aero-engine technician. I came into contact with the Church of the Nazarene and became a member in 1942. I knew about the Nazarene Church in Blantyre, Scotland before the war. I was able to join in the activities of Canadian Nazarene College, which was then in Red Deer, and was also privileged to attend camp meetings. Those experiences burned into my soul, as a young airman, a deep and lasting love for the Nazarene family of God. I married in 1946, and my wife, Mary, and I have been active members of the Church of the Nazarene

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H. Armstrong Roberts

What Child Is This?

by BUD REEDY

AN OLD ENGLISH MELODY asks the question:
*What Child is this, who, laid to rest
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthem sweet
 While shepherds watch are keeping?*

Good question. Would to God, in the midst of this busy season, more were earnestly asking life's most important question: What Child is this? The answer is found in Holy Writ, specifically in the first 14 verses of John's Gospel. There we discover what child this is . . . who He is and what He is like.

This Child was God himself. "And the Word was God" (John 1:1, NASB). From the beginning of time and at the root of the universe He existed. There never has been a time when He was not. This Child was not a part of creation. He *is* the Creator. Everything in the world owes its existence to this Child. Some have said this Child grew up to be a good teacher . . . a philosopher . . . a prophet . . . and these exclusively. But the redeemed of God know He was more. They dare to

believe that this Child was God himself. What Child is this? He is Almighty God.

This Child was a human being. "And the Word became flesh" (John 1:14, NASB). These five words recorded by John's hand are the most radical ever written. This is the wonder of Incarnation: that 2,000 years ago in a village called Bethlehem, through a virgin, in a simple stable, the God of creation invaded history. The God who created the world, who called Abraham "Friend," who led the children of Israel out of bondage, who protected Daniel in the lions' den—this same God became enfleshed as a little Jewish baby and became one of us. What an awesome mystery!

Some have denied His humanity, saying He only appeared to be human. To this, John replies: "Christ was alive when the world began, yet I myself have seen him with my own eyes and listened to him speak. I have touched him with my own hands" (1 John 1:1, TLB). What Child is this? He was no mirage, but a living, breathing human being.

This Child was the Life-Giver. "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4, NASB). Before He came, man lived in darkness, an evil atmosphere that condemned a man to death. But this Child came that lost man may have life, and that more abundantly. Through His life, *the* life, we may have life. What Child is this? He is the Life-Giver.

This Child is the Savior of those who receive Him. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12, NASB). Many people, with rebellion and pride in their hearts, reject His saving deeds. What a tragedy! But the good news is that some do receive Him as Savior and Lord. And to these, "He gave them the right to become God's children" (John 1:12, TEV). What a victory!

What Child is this? He is our Savior, the One who quietly knocks and seeks acceptance in the hearts of men.

This Child requires witnesses. "He [John the Baptist] came for a witness, that he might bear witness of the light" (John 1:7, NASB). John the Baptist had a mission of divine origin. That mission: Witness. Everything he accomplished in his life—his preaching, his prophecy, his baptism, even his martyrdom, was secondary to his witness. Jesus said before His ascension: "You shall be my witnesses." This is man's highest calling, his greatest honor.

In this Advent season, let us not forget that this lowly child grew up to be a man . . . a man who required fishermen to give up their nets, carpenters their tools, doctors their instruments of healing. Let us not forget that He required disciples to give up the things of this world and carry a cross. Let us not forget that He still calls disciples to be witnesses. A statement of orthodoxy is a good start, but it is not enough. This Child requires total commitment. What Child is this? He is the One who requires a witness.

What Child is this, you ask? I trust that you may lift your voice with the hymn writer as an expression of your faith and consecration:

*This, this is Christ the King,
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
 The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

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□



Born to EVANGELIZE

Spirit, a little, country-looking church in New Milford, N.J. Here I was told to listen to Jesus; I was allowed to “let God.” Many church altars are empty because the people will not let God work. Some churches need to pray for the will of the Lord, not the will of the board. A truly wise church is one that wins souls—“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise” (Proverbs 11:30).

I have been preaching since October 1970 and have seen thousands come to Christ. It has been my privilege to witness conversions every week of my 10 years as a shepherd. When people ask me how to win others, I simply tell them two things. First, be real. Don’t play gospel games. God uses people to reach people. Second, lift up Jesus—preach Jesus—glorify Jesus. If you are not reaching the lost, it’s time for the board and the pastor to pray. Whatever you do, do not make excuses or try to defend yourself. Just humble yourself before God and *obey* what He tells you to do.

The Bible says, “Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever” (Daniel 12:3, NIV). “He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation’” (Mark 16:15, NIV). Outreach is the norm for every local church.

Second to evangelism is follow up. We have trained and anointed altar counselors who pray and follow up on those who make commitments to Christ.

It is truly a blessing to see a life made new by Christ, and to play a part in this is too fantastic to describe. If you were to leave your home tonight to go somewhere, and on the way to your destination you saw an awful accident, what would your reaction be? Perhaps you would think, “Oh, those poor people.” Or maybe you would fantasize a daring rescue. In any case, you would react in some way. I think many of us in middle-class America are so comfortable that we don’t view the world as lost. Every day, souls are flung into eternity. Where do they go? Is there really a hell? Have we tried to reach them? All I live and breathe for is to hear Jesus say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

We need to offer ourselves to the Lord. Paul calls this our “spiritual” or “reasonable” duty (Romans

by CHARLES J. RIZZO

TWELVE YEARS AGO I first heard and understood the gospel. When my heart turned to the Lord, the veil was lifted and I became a new creation in Christ. A new life, heart, and mind were given to me. Almost immediately I was impressed with the need to share what happened with everyone. I truly was born anew. With this newness came the realization that I was born to evangelize, to preach the gospel to the lost. After a while I entered the ministry, wide-eyed and full of dreams. My dreams were soon crushed by the frightening revelation that many churches were not really reaching the lost. Door after door was closed in my face. “Get a haircut, burn your guitar, take off those worldly blue jeans.”

I learned not to look at people but to keep my eyes on Jesus. I found a church that was open to the Holy

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12:1-3). After this, we can begin to serve Him effectively. We cannot even know His will unless we give ourselves first. Perhaps this is the problem—a lack of commitment to the Lord's will.

Okay, so I've cursed the darkness, now to light a candle. It's time to get back to the basics of New Testament evangelism.

- 1. Prayer—Before Pentecost, they waited to be endowed with power from on high.
- 2. Death—Let all self interests die. Forget what has been, get on to what God would do now.
- 3. Action—The Bible exhorts ministers to “rebuke, exhort, and encourage” with all authority. Apply this wherever “the shoe fits.”

Before a true revival happens in your midst, there may be a few blessed subtractions. Be ready for it and do not fear it. Also, you may witness a few blessed changes in attitude and application—grumpy old saints made sweet; sleeping saints awake and on their feet; and last but not least, ministers feeling useful once again. Why? Because we were born to evangelize. If we do not, we stagnate, become ingrown, and then die. I truly hope and pray revival comes your way. You do not have to wait for that traveling evangelist to come. Let it begin with you.

Finally, remember the words of Oswald Chambers, “We are not to make men converts of our opinions. But we are to make them disciples of Jesus.” □

Cinquains of Joy

JOY!
A Savior,
Christ is born,
Gift for all people—
Christmas.

JOY!
St. Paul's strength,
Song filling prison,
Remembrance, prayer, thanksgiving,
anticipation—
Christ-joy.

JOY!
The Lord's,
Daily strengthens me,
Springing, bubbling, overflowing,
refreshing—
Christ-life.

—HELEN R. SULLIVAN
Wollaston, Massachusetts

GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT



by C. T. CORBETT

GATHER THE RIBBON, seals, and wrapping paper—it is Christmastime again. Mysterious packages, large and small, each wrapped with the ingenuity of the giver, are hidden in remote corners until the eventful day.

God, the Father, instituted this wonderful season on that first Christmas Day by presenting the ultimate of gifts for all humanity. His gift tenderly wrapped in swaddling clothes has changed the pattern that men live by. What did He give?

His love. “For God so loved . . . that he gave” (John 3:16). His love expressed itself in giving His only begotten Son to redeem the world; the Son conformed by giving His life in atonement for us on Calvary. This gift by the Father and the Son is proffered worldwide and is eternal.

His light. “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12). Light is the absence of darkness. It gives radiance and cheer. The attributes of this light are joy and uplift; it brings clearness of vision. “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

His life. “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). His gift to us is inner peace. The life more abundant is holiness of heart and life. These two works of grace are divine gifts conducive to a productive life for every follower. This is the motivating strength of Christianity.

His liberty. “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free” (Galatians 5:1). There is no liberty on earth as wonderful as the liberty Christ gives His own when they become free from all sin, both committed and inbred. With this liberty He brings joy which is our strength.

His loyalty. In Philippians 2:8 we read, “He . . . became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” Another word for obedience is loyalty. Christ was loyal to His Father and this loyalty and faithfulness extends through the centuries to you and me. Be assured, He will never leave us or forsake us.

God's Christmas package, “the Babe wrapped,” in reality includes His love, light, life, liberty, and loyalty. What He gave almost 2,000 years ago is effective and essential today. Without these gifts we are “of all men most miserable.” With them we have “riches untold.” □

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THE *Gift* OF PRESENCE

by HAROLD IVAN SMITH

PRESENTS seem to be increasingly the mood of Christmas. There are so many—family, friends, colleagues to buy for—and not just anything will do. There are those who merit special planning and scheming.

Children early learn the significance of the wise men; they brought gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh, although we do not know for certain what Mary and Joseph did with them. Somehow, many have concluded that the presents of the wise men is a rationale for our riotous Christmas spending. We overlook the equal contribution of “certain poor shepherds,” in the words of the carol.

Luke reported, “There were shepherds living in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks” (2:8, NIV). We do not know whether they were “all seated on the ground,” as another carol suggests.

The angel that appeared brought “good news of great joy”—a Savior had been born. If that were not dramatic enough, “suddenly” a multitude of angels appeared and began singing.

A close reading of the passage reveals that the angel did not specifically invite the shepherds, but offered a clue to the whereabouts of the child. “You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger” (2:12, NIV).

The thought came to some shepherd, “Wow, I’d sure like to see that!” What if that shepherd had suppressed that thought? Besides, how would it sound to the oth-

ers? “What! Leave our sheep to go look at a baby!” They would howl.

But apparently, at the same moment, the thought was evaluated by several shepherds. They concluded, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about” (2:15, NIV).

What was the significance of the shepherds’ visit?

1. The good news was “for all the people” (2:10). The shepherds represented the poor, the common people of earth. They too would be impacted by this momentous birth.

2. The shepherds represented a symbolic tie with the lineage of Jesus. It portrayed His future as “great Shepherd.”

Who has not marveled at Handel’s aria for altos, part of the *Messiah*, “He shall feed his flock, like a shepherd . . .” Jesus would acknowledge His role; “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me” (John 10:14, NIV).

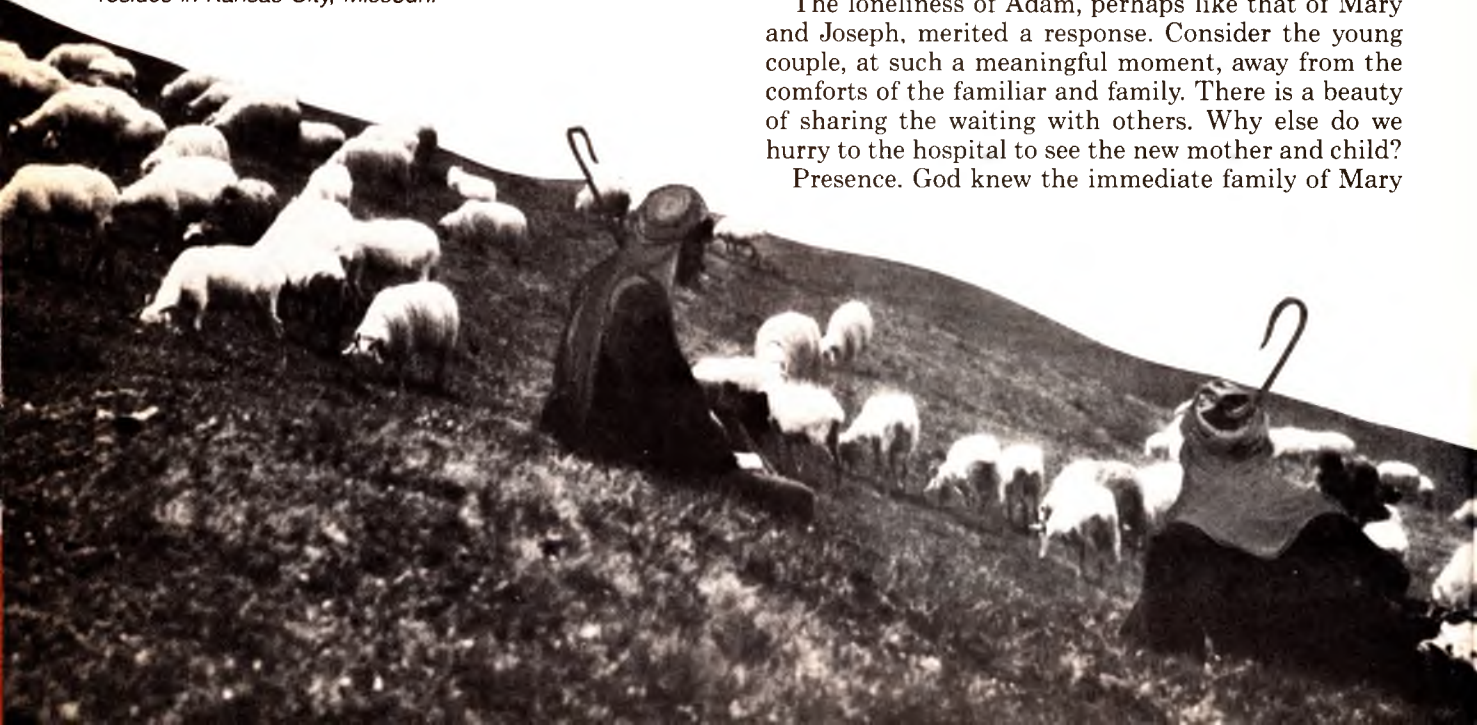
3. The shepherds offered themselves; it’s probably all they had. They gave presence rather than presents, a truth we too must consider. “In my hands no price I bring, simply to His cross I cling.”

The stable must have been somewhat less idyllic than the poets, scholars, artists, and preachers have suggested. Luke parallels Genesis. The first Adam was placed in an environment primarily dominated by animals, yet they could not nourish Adam. So with the second Adam; He was born in a stable, yet not even the symphony of the animals could soothe the One who had heard heaven’s choir.

The loneliness of Adam, perhaps like that of Mary and Joseph, merited a response. Consider the young couple, at such a meaningful moment, away from the comforts of the familiar and family. There is a beauty of sharing the waiting with others. Why else do we hurry to the hospital to see the new mother and child?

Presence. God knew the immediate family of Mary

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and Joseph could not be with them, so He invited others. After all, the writer of Proverbs had observed, "Better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away" (27:10, NIV). And this departure from the narrow definitions of Jewish family to the broader parameters of Christian family has meaning for us.

"Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays" is a nostalgic song of the season. Christmas is said to be a "family time." Yet some families are estranged by design, others by choice or distance. How many families would opt for *presence* rather than presents? "At least we're all together."

Mary and Joseph opened their "home" to the shepherds. Perhaps that could be an example to us this Christmas. During this season, are there new people or lonely people in your congregation you could invite to share some time around your Advent hearth?

I learned a new tradition from my major professor in graduate school. She had no family, so her host of students and colleagues became family. Each person who came to her open house received a small white card attached to a colorful ribbon. They were asked to sign their names and write out a Christmas message. Then, they hung the card on the tree.

New Year's Day, when the tree came down, she reviewed the cards. She was always amazed at how many new friends she had made since the previous Christmas.

Maybe it's a nursing home or hospital or jail that needs your Christmas presence.

What if the shepherds had stayed home? ☐

Christmas Meditation

Sweet little Babe of Bethlehem!

*Let me come closer to where You lie;
Let me steal softly to Your manger bed
And worship the Gift from on high!*

Fair-haired Boy of Nazareth town!

*Let me be near as You work and play;
Happy the hours in Your humble home
Awaiting the fateful reckoning day.*

Strong young Man of Galilee's shore!

*Let me be one of the chosen few
To follow wherever Your will may lead
In paths of service old and new.*

Suffering Savior on Calvary's cross!

*Give me the courage to follow now;
Help me to share the sorrow and grief
So cruelly marked on Your tender brow.*

Conquering Christ of the Easter morn!

*Lord of earth and heaven above;
Pour out Your Spirit upon my soul
And fill me with Your wondrous love!*

—REEFORD L. CHANEY
Richmond, Virginia

NAZARENE ROOTS



An undated photograph
of Ira Hammer

ONE SIDE OF A GRANARY, IN THE DEAD OF WINTER, 1912

"The prairies were vast and the settlers were few, with long distances in between. The people's houses were small, many of them just tar-paper shacks. The schoolhouses provided no shelter for teams in winter. Tents could be used during the short summer season, but Ira often thought that North Dakota had 'nine months of winter and three late in the fall' . . .

"Now after driving from place to place, in the snow and cold, and inquiring here and there, he located a double granary. The farmer was willing, and one side

of it was quickly emptied and prepared for use as a meeting place. . . .

"The granary was made as weather-proof as possible with harvester canvas used for a ceiling and wall on one side. A screen door was covered with tarpaper and hung in the opening. Planks were placed upon beer kegs for seats; and an upended box became the pulpit and a mourners bench was not overlooked. The farmer's wife allowed her organ to be moved to the granary to provide the music, and the stovepipe went out through the window. There were services each evening and two on Sunday. How wonderfully God came! . . . As a result, regular church services were established, including a mid-week prayer meeting. The following summer they built a church. . . . It all started in one side of a granary, in the dead of winter." (From Naomi M. Jackson, *Prayers in the Morning, The Life Story of Ira E. Hammer, 1874-1972*)

Ira Hammer was a close associate of J. G. Morrison in the Laymen's Holiness Association, which was active in the Dakota prairie land. When the threats of religious radicalism and stringent opposition urged Morrison to lead this group into the Church of the Nazarene, Ira Hammer was among the first to follow. Rev. Hammer later served as a Nazarene pastor and as a district superintendent for the North Dakota and Nebraska districts. ☐

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BUT WHERE IS JESUS?

by MORRIS CHALFANT

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD refugee was being shown around a Hollywood department store by his American foster parents. When they came to the toy department, crowded with playthings in preparation for the Christmas rush, the little boy's eyes grew wide with wonder. He examined the many items with delight, but gradually the grown-ups noticed an expression of disappointment clouding the boy's face. He began to search up and down aisles, under tables, and behind counters. At last, when questioned what he was looking for, he burst out: "But where is the child?" Young as he was, he had given a lesson in the real significance of Christmas. He had pointed out the grave oversight of overlooking the One for whom the birthday party was being given!

The materialistic world has taken over the Christmas season to such an extent that most of us are caught up in it as though we were in a giant whirlwind which compels us to go along with its currents.

When Christmas is over, we utter a sigh of relief and seem to be a bit thankful that the next Christmas season is a year away! The sense of joyous spiritual exuberance which follows a genuine worship experience is sadly missing!

Void of genuine religious knowledge, commercialized beyond reason, and empty of love and appreciation for God—this is the tragic picture which describes so much of what we do at Christmas.

A few years ago, just before Christmas, a typical

family had a day full of incidents, some of them most unpleasant. Father seemed to be burdened with worries as well as bundles. Mother's anxiety had reached the breaking point on many occasions throughout the day. Wherever the little girl went, she seemed to be in the way.

Finally she was hustled to bed. The feverish excitement of the Christmas planning had completely unnerved her. As she knelt by her bed to pray the Lord's Prayer, she got all mixed up and prayed, "Forgive us our Christmases, as we forgive those who Christmas against us."

As we watch the tense, nervous shoppers this season, we feel like praying as the little girl did, "Forgive us our Christmases." Our celebration makes the merchants rejoice, but not the angels in heaven. Our minds are on things, not on Christ.

The way many people celebrate Christmas must grieve the One whose birth it honors, for they have turned it into a time of self-indulgence.

They even encourage the children to give more thought to the things they will get than the things they can give to others; instead of making Christmas a time for teaching unselfishness and for concentrating on ways to please other people.

You can see an object lesson downtown for several weeks before Christmas. On the corner there's a bell ringer beside a large kettle collecting money for the poor. But inside the department store there's a Santa Claus, and he's asking kiddies what they want for Christmas.

Those two sights represent two opposite philoso-

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phies of life. One asks, "What can I give?" The other asks, "What can I get?"

It's a pity that some people who profess to be Christians have never taken seriously the teaching of our Lord Jesus, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). He really said this, and it's really true, but they have never discovered the deep, satisfying joy there is in giving themselves away. They have never learned to give their time, their talents, their strength, their love, their possessions to benefit others instead of themselves.

Christmas speaks to us of a gift—a lasting gift. "The gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

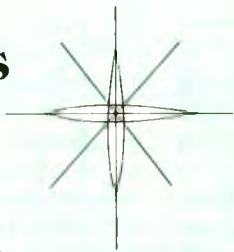
Do you want to experience the true meaning of Christmas? Then I want to tell you that this gift, this present from God, must be received. It is true that Jesus came into the world, born of a virgin, and lived among men, but He also was put to death for our sins. He rose from the dead and now lives. The Child of Bethlehem is the Christ of the centuries—King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

To experience and know eternal life, you must open your heart to the Lord Jesus. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

Your Christmas, this year, can be the most wonderful Christmas that you have ever known. If you receive the gift of God—which is Christ himself—this Christmas will have true meaning for you. Receive Jesus Christ into your life by faith and this Christmas you will have peace with God and peace in your heart!

This is worth celebrating! □

Nameless STAR



*Nameless star:
Creator-called,
One celestial body
Fled the company of constellations;
Silently,
To the cradle crude
Conducted Magi.*

*Anonymous Christian:
Savior-summoned,
So may I, lowly lightbearer,
Forsake companions and comforts;
Obediently,
To the tomb deserted
Conduct seekers.*

—WANDA MILNER WINBURN
Indianapolis, Indiana



More Blessed to Give ...

by MILLIE WATKINS

HER MOTHER had told her that there wouldn't be much for Christmas that year. Money was tight and the hard times that gripped the family had left little room for a girl's dreams.

Her father had been a minister, but he wouldn't stand in the pulpit to preside at the Christmas pageant this year. The disease that had forced him to resign his assignment was quickly claiming his life. This Christmas would probably be his last.

But a little girl's dream is like a flowering desert cactus. It can survive with very little nourishment. More than anything, she wanted a doll for Christmas—a big baby doll that could wear real baby clothes.

Her mother hoped to comfort her with a promise of new clothes for her old doll, but the dream of a big baby doll that could wear real baby clothes stayed in the girl's heart. That night a Christmas dream became a bedtime prayer.

The news of the dying minister and his family had reached the ears and hearts of a loving congregation in a distant city. Plans were made to collect gifts and money. The delivery day was set for shortly before Christmas.

The church's kindness renewed hope for a family wrapped in human suffering. Their gratitude was abundant, but the impact of the distant congregation's gift was best seen in the mother's tears as she discovered, among the presents, a big baby doll that could wear real baby clothes.

I was 13 years old that Christmas. My family was a part of the distant congregation that sent gifts of love 200 miles to a needy family. That was the year I left behind my childhood selfishness and letters to Santa Claus. My best Christmas was the year my big baby doll that could wear real baby clothes became the answer to another girl's Christmas prayer. □

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HE IS NO PHONY

by ARTHUR TOWNSEND

I KNOW of a condominium housing where lawn care in summer and snow removal in winter is part of the service rendered by the landlord for the many families living there—at a cost, of course.

However, a nice gesture on the part of the owners of the complex is the yearly visit of Santa, from door to door, at Christmastime, with “goodies” for the children.

But one little girl, when Santa called at her door, ran to her mother and said, “*The big, fat phony is at the door!*”

Never in my life had I heard Santa Claus endowed with such a correct appellation. The little girl was right. The Santa at her door was both *fat* and *phony*. In fact, he was phony on two counts—a lot of stuffing to give him a paunch, and

he had never been to the North Pole in his life!

Yet Christmastime is the season for *many* Santas. I knew a little boy who poured out his desire to Santa at one department store—from a football to an electric train. Then his mother continued shopping, going to the next store. There another Santa asked the little fellow what he wanted for Christmas. He was indignant. “I just told you at the last store what I wanted,” he said.

Which brings me to the two little boys, as depicted by a cartoon. After a visit to Santa they were talking together. One said to the other, “There is something fishy going on. I asked him how Rudolph is and he said, ‘Rudolph who?’”

The City of Athens in Paul’s day was also filled with *many* phonies. There were graven images everywhere. Paul said, “We ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man’s device” (Acts 17:29).

Pliny, the naturalist, said there were more gods than men in Athens. In fact, they had so many gods that they could not cope with them all, and so, for fear that they had overlooked one, they had even erected an altar TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Paul said, “Him declare I unto you.”

The apostle then took the Athenians back to the beginning. He said, “God, who created the heavens and the earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.” He is real, genuine, not a phony. He has even been to the North Pole! In fact, He created it, Paul said.

Certainly, at this Christmas season, no person should desire to take the spirit of Christmas giving from the life of any child. Christmas is a wonderful time of imaginations and gifts for boys and girls. Should we cancel out the joy of Christmas delights because there are so many “Santas” abroad? I don’t think so.

Nevertheless, there is One stand-

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ing at the door of each heart who has in His hands the *true meaning of Christmas*. The scars there signify that He was born into this world with one sole purpose in mind—to die on a cross, to rise from the dead, and to ascend to heaven for us. The angel said of Him, “Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

He said of himself: “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 14:6 and 3:16).

Do you really desire to discover the true meaning in Christmas this Christmas? Then open the door of your heart to Jesus. Let Him in.

He is no phony! □

HE COMES

*He comes—
and like Mary,
we are richly blessed
by His coming.*

*He comes—
and like Joseph,
we are no longer afraid
to love.*

*He comes—
and like the shepherds,
we are filled with wonder
and great joy.*

*He comes—
and like the wise men,
our long search ends
in fulfillment.*



*He comes—
and like the stable,
we hold more hope
than anyone can imagine.*

*He comes—
for all people
for all time
for me
for this moment
He is here.*

—VALKYRIE MURPHY
Bend, Oregon

Thinking About Christmas

by GERALDINE NICHOLAS

CHRISTMAS? Of course I know it's coming. But tonight my son jolted me into realizing just how very close it is. I couldn't believe my eyes when he handed me the long list of things he wanted. It had been carefully handwritten in his familiar style. All the details had been outlined to prevent any mistakes: Color, model, size.

The real shock came when I made a mental tabulation of the cost. It totaled over \$400. I was relieved

when he explained, “I know I won't get everything, Mom. The thing I want most are the black and white soccer cleats. But you can decide.” Then he reassuringly added, “I'll like anything!” Off he dashed then to leave me pondering his requests.

Well the soccer cleats and soccer ball were reasonable requests; his present ones were getting a little tight. And the ball would be good to kick around the yard with his friends. The backpack and two-man pup tent were reasonable since our trailer was too small to sleep an extra person if he wanted to bring a friend along when we went camping. A baseball glove—surely that could wait awhile. A fishing rod with a spinning reel. A 19" frame 10-speed Supercycle with gumwall tires to replace his 16" Motocross bicycle that had been stolen from the garage. His final request was an AM/FM stereo cassette recorder. Examining the list I realized that all of his requests were good and useful items. They all seemed reasonable requests to him.

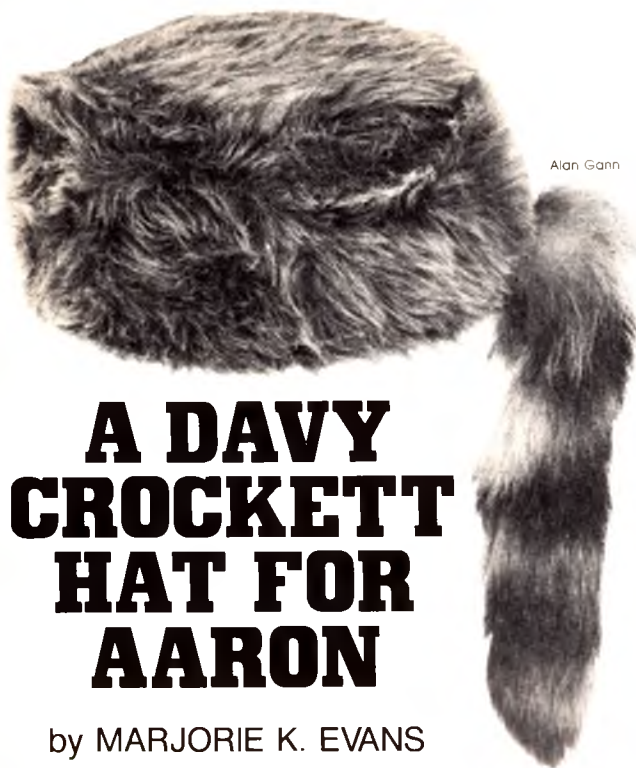
I suppose I stagger my Heavenly Father with my requests sometimes too. Daily He showers me with numberless blessings. And what do I do? I ask for more, and more, and more.

All of the things I ask for seem reasonable to me. Yet He must decide what is best for me. It would be just as unwise for Him to grant all of my requests as it would be for me to provide all those “wants” for my boy even if I could.

Why then should I be so shocked when my son presents me with such a long list? He knows I will choose what is best for him. So he confidently leaves the choice to me.

I will do likewise. I will hand my Heavenly Father my long list of “wants” today. I know He will review them because He loves me. And then He'll decide what is best for me. And I'll be satisfied. □

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A DAVY CROCKETT HAT FOR AARON

by MARJORIE K. EVANS

MOM-EEE, I HURT! Mom-eee, hold me! Mom-e-e-e!" Those were the cries I heard for days and nights. And my heart ached for my two little boys as I held their hot feverish bodies on my lap, and prayed that the medicine would soon help them recover from the Asian flu.

Now they were recovering. Still congested, they breathed noisily as they napped in their bed across the room.

But then I got the flu. My body was drained of strength. I ached all over and tossed restlessly on my bed one dreary December afternoon.

The flu was the least of my problems. There was no money to buy medicine for me, food for the three of us, or anything for the children for Christmas. Almost in despair I breathed, "Lord, help me. I don't know what to do. Help me."

The move to California, made several months earlier to find work and be near my sister (who could take care of my boys), had depleted my resources. I was the sole support of two sons—Aaron, just turned five, and John, an energetic two-year-old.

Already I had missed several days of work from my secretarial job and did not have sick leave. My sister's family was also striving to make ends meet and could not help us.

As a Christian I had faith in God and knew He had promised, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

But as my body became increasingly weaker, so did

my faith. I struggled. *How, Lord? How can You supply when there's no money coming in?*

As I lay there, tears rolled down my feverish cheeks onto the crumpled pillow, and I thought, *There's just no way I can buy medicine. But I have to have it.* Finally, I called the drugstore.

The druggist, a friend of my sister's family, listened while I explained my problem. Then he said, "Don't you know that every cloud has a silver lining? You're ill now and looking at the ugly black underneath side of the cloud. One of these days you'll be well again. Then you'll see the silver lining."

"Of course you can charge the medicine. And whenever you're able, you can pay for it. Have the doctor call in the prescription, and I'll send the medicine right over."

After thanking the druggist, I sank onto the faded green couch in our small, drab living room and prayed, "Thank You, Lord."

Soon the medicine was delivered, and the powerful antibiotic did help. A week later, although still shaky, I returned to work.

That day at lunch, my secretary friends spoke eagerly of Christmas plans and of gifts they had bought for their husbands and children. As they talked and laughed, I felt increasingly distressed about my inability to buy even one gift for the boys. And the thought of the disappointment in their little faces on Christmas Day made tears well up in my eyes.

Then one of the girls turned to me and asked, "What are you giving your children for Christmas, Marjorie?"

By now the tears were streaming down my face. Too choked up to answer, I fled to the ladies' lounge. There I cried and cried until my good friend Mary came in. She questioned me until I poured out my troubles to her. Mary assured me that everything would work out fine, but I couldn't see how.

The week before Christmas I was more worried and distraught than ever. I wondered what we would do for food when the little we had was gone.

Preparing our meager supper of tomato soup, crackers, and celery, I watched the children. Their little blonde heads bobbed up and down as they made their three-wheeled truck go, "Buh-room, bump! Buh-room, bump!" across the brown linoleum floor.

Suddenly Aaron stopped, looked eagerly up at me and said, "Please, Mommy, remember for Christmas I want a Davy Crockett hat with a tail, and I want a new truck, and I want some blue socks."

I looked down at the children and wondered how to explain that there would be no gifts. But before I could say anything, the doorbell rang. I opened the door to find Tom, an engineer from work, holding a big Christmas tree. Mary stood beside him, loaded down with packages.

What could I say? Overwhelmed, I just stood there. I felt like laughing and crying—and did both. Finally Tom, his soft heart masked by his gruff manner, demanded, "Well, aren't you going to ask us to come in?"

The boys jumped up and down in excitement as Mary and Tom gave each one a candy cane and a gift. Mary explained that the rest of the presents were for Christmas!

"Mommy! Look! A *real* Davy Crockett hat with a

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tail." And Aaron began singing about Davy Crockett as he marched around and around the room.

John piped up, "Me Davy Kwockett too, Mommy," and followed right behind Aaron.

Then Tom and Mary brought in a canned ham and all the trimmings for Christmas dinner. They helped us decorate the tree.

As I thanked them, Tom said, "Don't thank us. A lot of us at work have gotten a real kick out of getting these things. We'll all have a happier Christmas because of you and your boys."

Late that evening, as I sat on the old couch in our now festive and pine-scented living room, I talked to God. "Forgive me, Lord, for worrying about how our needs would be met. Not only did You provide what we needed, You even provided a Davy Crockett hat for Aaron. Thank You."

We don't have to know how God will provide. After all, He knows our needs. That Christmas season He lovingly supplied mine through friends. Their hearts were touched by helping my family. So, don't ask "How?" Trust Him.

Many Christmases have passed since then. I don't know where the old Davy Crockett hat is, but I do know that the Scriptures haven't changed. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us, "Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." □

WHERE TO FIND CHRISTMAS

*Christmas is not in a snowflake
falling softly to earth;
Nor is it in Santa's big gift bag
that you will find true worth.*

*Christmas is not a filled stocking
nor even a tasty treat;
Not the holly, the wreath, or the tinsel
or how many friends that you greet.*

*Christmas is the gift from heaven
of God's Son given for free,
If Christmas is not found in your heart
You won't find it under the tree.*

—CHARLOTTE CARPENTER
Sabetha, Kansas

Book Brief

HIS SPIRIT IN YOU



MERRILL S. WILLIAMS,
author



happened to Ananias and Sapphira? Did God strike them dead? Or (referring to Dr. George Engel's article in *Reader's Digest*, April 1978) did their emotions kill them? In either case, Merrill Williams points out that the tragedy was not in their sudden, violent death, but in their dishonesty with the Spirit of truth. An important sidelight to the account by Williams is the examination as to *why* their tragedy and fall occurred.

Stephen's story, of course, is the exact opposite. Again death is the result, but a whole new set of questions arises: Why Stephen? Why such a young, talented, and dedicated person? What might he have accomplished for God had he lived?

Thus Rev. Williams, a missionary in the Philippines with the Church of the Nazarene, traces through the lives of Early Church people whose names we know well. He examines the working of the Spirit in their lives and applies timeless principles to 20th-century living.

For personal pleasure reading, the book is tops—informative and inspiring. Pastors and teachers are bound to find an added dimension, drawing both ideas and illustrations from the book. □

Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City
To order, see page 23.

EIGHT PERSONALITIES IN ACTS" is the subtitle of this interesting book by the author of *Lord of Life*. Referring to Oliver Cromwell's statement, "Paint me warts and all," he brings to our attention the characters and actions, good and bad, of important individuals from the Book of Acts.

The questions raised in this book are extremely practical for today's living. For example, exactly what

the editor's STANDPOINT

THE GOD-MAN

The Jesus who confronts us in the Gospels was not invented by the writers of those Gospels. Such a man could not be created by other men, however gifted with imagination, however skilled at fiction. Nels Ferre rightly said of Jesus, “He is not story; he is history.”

Yes, such a man really lived. He said the things and did the things attributed to Him in the Scriptures. And He died, and rose again, and ascended to His Father just as the record declares.

He was indeed a man. Like us, He hungered, thirsted, and tired. He experienced a variety of moods—anger, sorrow, frustration, compassion, serenity, elation—the whole gamut of human emotions. He was tempted and fought the tempter so fiercely that He suffered. He endured opposition, misunderstanding, loneliness, slander, betrayal, denial, injustice, and death, death brought on by false charges, death at the hands of corrupt leaders. He loved, healed, encouraged, and forgave those who were oppressed by sickness, sorrow, and sin. Through it all, privately and publicly, He kept

His manhood intact, unspoiled and guiltless. He did not sin.

Fully, truly human He was, and yet He burst the category of “human.” He claimed, possessed, and exercised powers unshared by all other men. He calmed the raging winds and waves, bringing instant stillness to a storm-lashed lake. He multiplied a boy’s lunch and fed over 5,000 people. He healed with a word or touch all kinds of diseases, including longstanding “hopeless” cases. He spoke, not as a prophet, but as the God of the prophets, prefacing His words, not with their formula—“Thus says the Lord”—but with “Verily, I say unto you.” He forgave men their sins against God, releasing them from guilt and freeing them for life. Only God can do what Jesus did.

There is only one explanation for Jesus, and it is found in the opening paragraph of John’s Gospel. The Word that was with God, and was God, became flesh and lived among us. “We are constrained to confess,” wrote Gross Alexander, “that Jesus is the Son of God . . .” He is the God-man, our Lord and Savior. □

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Those who do not believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ seem fond of reminding us that only two Bible authors mention it—Matthew and Luke. Except for these two, however, there are no records of His birth at all in the Gospels. Paul says once that He was “born of a woman.” Otherwise, if argument from silence was decisive, one might argue that Jesus dropped from the skies full grown, like a parachutist during an invasion.

Under Jewish law every testimony was established “at the mouth” of two or three witnesses. That was because men are prone to lie and subject to error. God has to speak but once and truth is established, for God cannot lie. Those who accept the Bible as God’s inspired Word have no difficulty in believing its witness to the Virgin Birth.

This is not to argue that belief in the Virgin Birth is essential to becoming a Christian. Many became Christians before ever reading or hearing the stories of Jesus’ birth. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus

were the saving acts of God. To trust the merit and power of His death as an atoning sacrifice brings forgiveness and renewal.

When one has become a Christian, however, the attitude he takes toward Scripture will be decisive for his spiritual growth and usefulness. If he decides that he is free to reject the Gospel’s witness to the Virgin Birth substituting the authority of his own opinion for that of Scripture, he will place every event and interpretation of event in the Bible under the judgment of men. When that happens the situation that should obtain is directly reversed. Instead of bringing every thought captive to Christ, he will treat the Bible like food in a cafeteria, selecting what pleases him, declining what does not.

The Virgin Birth is not impossible unless nature is a closed system. That would preclude all miracles. Gabriel’s words are important here—“With God nothing shall be impossible.” Scripture is more trustworthy than the vagaries of scholarship. □

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THE FIRING LINE

Miracle of November, a vivid history of Spain's civil war. Dan Kurzman tells this story: A Loyalist force under Miguel Palacios chased some rebels to Garabitis Hill, storming to its summit. Soon, however, they were turning back down.

The furious Major accosted the leader of the troops. "Why did you leave the hill?"

The answer was simple: "Because they're shooting up there, and down here they're not."

When I was a young Christian down South, the folks used to sing "Keep on the Firing Line." Across the years I've watched some retreat, giving up the ground they had gained, because they got afraid and tired of picking the devil's fire. Final victory demands that we hold the summit, enduring shot and shell until the conflict is over.

One Sunday morning, in a church where I was preaching in revival services, an 82-year-old man engaged me in conversation. He had been a missionary in the Orient, and was still aflame with zeal for the place and

task. "Brother," he exclaimed, his blue eyes sparkling, "I'm praying God to send me back there!"

How many preachers have quietly dropped the gospel message, substituting harmless moral maxims for its sin-baring news of a sin-bearing Savior, because "they're shooting up there"?

How many laymen have quietly ceased to testify, and to intercede for the lost, because they met fierce opposition?

Scripture tells of a time when our Lord's earthly family came to take Him home because He was arousing the hatred and anger of religious leaders with political clout. They wanted to place Him in protective custody, but Jesus insisted upon staying on the firing line.

The apostles were "commanded . . . not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus." They bravely answered, "We cannot but speak." They had been ordered to take the hill and would not leave the firing line.

Safety is not a Christian quest. Usefulness, at any cost, is our mission. Keep on the firing line! □

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF

We extend to all our readers sincere wishes for a holy and joyful holiday season.

May the Son of God, who became incarnate and was crucified for our salvation, have first place in your thoughts and activities!

W. E. McCumber
Ivan Beals

Mabel Adamson
Mark Marvin



After the Revival—

The Fire!

by HUGH GORMAN

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY, 1981, was the closing day of the fall revival in the Shelburne, Ontario, Church of the Nazarene. The congregation was conscious of the presence of the Lord Jesus, and thankful that He'd given them times of refreshing during the week of services.

The evangelist, speaking about the importance of knowing the Lord's presence, was reminding the people that even in those dark hours when storm clouds are hanging low overhead, Jesus is near. Though we may not be as conscious of His presence as we'd like, still we can be confident that He's there. He related the story of Wesleyan song evangelist Luther Bridgers, who wrote "He Keeps Me Singing."

Wherever Luther Bridgers traveled in evangelism, he sang that song and people were aware of its reality in his life.

One morning, Luther kissed his wife and children and said "Good-bye" as he left home for another evangelistic tour. A few days later he received a cablegram informing him that his house had been burned to the ground, and that his wife and children had perished in the fire. Stunned with grief, and hardly knowing what to do, he locked himself in a hotel room for two weeks.

Friends were concerned about him and began to ask questions: "Can he handle this awful tragedy?" "What will this shattering blow do to his faith?" "Will he continue in the field of song evangelism?" "What will become of the poor man?"

But Luther Bridgers did not emerge from the hotel room a defeated, dejected Christian. Yes, he still felt the bitter blow and would for a long time, but the Lord kept him singing.

At the closing service of the revival in Shelburne, Grenville and Vi Kinsley knelt at the altar and committed their lives and their family to God. Their prayer was, "Lord, whatever You want to do in our lives, with our lives, or through our lives, it's all right with us. We just want You to know that we love You, and our trust is in You."

There was rejoicing in the service as seekers at the altar and front pews found victory. In closing they sang:

*God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing round you.
God be with you till we meet again.*

Grenville and Vi went home from the revival to the farm, knowing they'd been obedient to God, and assured that their lives and future were secure in His hands.

In the early hours of the morning, Vi awakened and smelled something burning, and got out of bed thinking she'd left a pan on the stove. Going downstairs, she found that the house was on fire. Hurriedly she awak-



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ened her husband and children, and all escaped just before the whole house was engulfed in flames.

Standing in their night attire—"brands plucked from the burning"—watching the inferno that had been their home, they realized that all their earthly possessions were gone. But there was a peace in their hearts, and they knew that the God who'd been with them through the revival was with them through the fire. He was the God who promised never to leave them, and who would supply their every need. And He did!

Within a few hours the Kinsley family were surrounded by Christian friends. A "dream home" was opened to them; clothes were provided; and all the help they needed was promised. To God be the glory!

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father . . .

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

After the revival, who knows? There will be temptation and trial and tribulation—there may even be tragedy! But there is grace to help in every time of need; there is victory all along the way! Jesus will be there when we need Him, for He said, "Lo, I am with you always . . ." (Matthew 28:20). □

HUGH GORMAN is a commissioned evangelist residing in Melfort, Saskatchewan, Canada.

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"HARVEST HANDS" PRODUCES BOUNTIFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL HARVEST!

The 1982 "Harvest Hands" Sunday School Celebration results have been announced by Rev. Phil Riley, director of the Division of Christian Life and Sunday School:



Scenes such as this one in Alva, Okla., were evident in many places during the 1982 Sunday School emphasis.

THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER



Central Florida Key Kuple Mr. and Mrs. Lew Hall led their district to an accumulated numerical gain over the 1981 Sunday School average by +13,766. Dr. James V. Morsch is the district superintendent. Dr. Charles Kirby is the CL/SS chairman.

BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

District with Highest Accumulated
Numerical Gain on Each Region

1. Canada	Canada Atlantic	982
2. Central U.S.	Northeastern Indiana	6,968
3. East Central U.S.	West Virginia	5,349
4. Eastern U.S.	Philadelphia	3,739
5. North Central U.S.	Iowa	5,746
6. Northwest U.S.	Washington Pacific	3,781
7. South Central U.S.	West Texas	3,973
8. Southeast U.S.	Central Florida	13,766
9. Southwest U.S.	Sacramento	5,715

TOP 10 DISTRICTS IN ACCUMULATED NUMERICAL GAIN

1. Central Florida	13,766
2. Northeastern Indiana	6,968
3. Iowa	5,746
4. Sacramento	5,715
5. West Virginia	5,349
6. North Central Ohio	5,213
7. Southwest Indiana	5,118
8. Eastern Michigan	4,279
9. Indianapolis	4,030
10. West Texas	3,973

RALLY DAY TOTAL

On October 31, the total Sunday School attendance reported was right at 475,000 (under roof) compared to 420,000, the 1981 base. 22 districts reported gains of 1,000 or more over their 1981 base.

NOW . . . ON TO OUR 75th ANNIVERSARY "JUBILEE" HARVEST . . .

Sunday School growth has just begun! Now . . . we must prepare for the Diamond Jubilee Year with an even greater harvest than we have just recorded.



THE FIVE LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR THE 1981-82 ASSEMBLY YEAR— U.S. & CANADA REGIONS

AKRON

526 Canton First
380 East Liverpool First
278 Akron Arlington
252 Youngstown First
214 New Philadelphia

ALABAMA

190 Huntsville First
183 Jasper First
180 Lanett
160 Cullman First
158 Birmingham First

ALASKA

138 Anchorage First
123 Soldotna
109 Anchorage Hillcrest
109 Sitka
92 Anchorage Jewel Lake

ARIZONA

461 Phoenix Orangewood
317 Mesa
262 Glendale
231 Phoenix Maryvale
212 Tucson Mountain View

CANADA ATLANTIC

159 Elmsdale, P.E.I.
152 Trenton, N.S.
138 Oxford, N.S.
124 Summerside, P.E.I.
80 O'Leary, P.E.I.

CANADA CENTRAL

192 Toronto Emmanuel
150 Brampton
135 Toronto Main Street
95 Ottawa Trinity
95 Toronto Kennedy Road

CANADA PACIFIC

151 Abbotsford
125 Vancouver First
93 Victoria First
63 Guildford
57 Penticton

CANADA QUEBEC

60 Centre Evangelique
53 Montreal First
29 Franklin Centre
10 Laval

CANADA WEST

561 Calgary First
332 Medicine Hat
219 Red Deer First
137 Regina Parkdale
136 Edmonton Southside

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

468 Porterville
347 Visalia First
280 Bakersfield Olive Knolls
228 Bakersfield First
211 Bakersfield East

CENTRAL FLORIDA

392 Lakeland S. Florida Hgts.
284 Clearwater First
278 Zephyrhills
263 Brandon
257 Orlando New Life

CENTRAL LATIN AMERICA

150 Plainview
106 McAllen
90 S.A. Las Palmas
86 Laredo
80 S.A. Primera

CENTRAL OHIO

371 Grove City
320 Circleville
302 Columbus Linden
283 Gallipolis
260 Columbus Whitehall
260 Newark First

CHICAGO CENTRAL

638 Kankakee College
545 Kankakee First
402 Chicago First
267 Danville First
256 Elgin

COLORADO

2,075 Denver First
543 Denver Lakewood
454 Colorado Springs Eastborough
424 Colorado Springs First
342 Colorado Springs Trinity

DAKOTA

230 Mitchell
153 Jamestown First
145 Valley City
100 Rapid City
96 Minot First

DALLAS

311 Richardson First
251 Dallas First
196 Dallas Central
193 Texarkana First
182 Dallas Bruton Terrace

E. KENTUCKY

296 Ashland First
222 Newport First
200 Turkey Creek
182 Covington First
164 Richmond First

E. LATIN AMERICA

116 Jersey City
82 Elizabeth
75 Newark
72 Stamford
63 Lowell

E. MICHIGAN

593 Flint Central
400 Warren Woods
382 Richfield
367 Plymouth
299 Flint First

E. TENNESSEE

270 Chattanooga First
155 Chattanooga East Ridge
153 Chattanooga Grace
142 Estill Springs
125 Chattanooga Calvary

GEORGIA

325 Atlanta First
234 Sandersville
189 Valdosta
188 Marietta
174 Mount Olive

HAWAII PACIFIC

122 Kailua
117 Kaneohe
102 Honolulu First Samoan
85 Honolulu First English
81 Hilo

HOUSTON

305 Houston Spring Branch
226 Bellaire
212 Nacogdoches
205 Houston First
174 Pasadena First

ILLINOIS

380 Decatur First
267 Decatur West Side
198 Roxana
195 Mattoon First
193 Springfield First

INDIANAPOLIS

508 Indianapolis Westside
490 Indianapolis First
447 Martinsville First
314 New Castle First
312 North Vernon

INTERMOUNTAIN

850 Nampa First
678 Nampa College
439 Boise First
366 Meridian Valley Shepherd
240 Emmett

IOWA

573 Oskaloosa
297 Cedar Rapids First
274 Cedar Rapids Oakland
212 Des Moines Eastside
211 Council Bluffs First

JOPLIN

290 Carthage
216 Independence
210 Springfield First
187 Highway
164 Parsons

KANSAS

840 Wichita First
353 Wichita Linwood
350 Hutchinson Bethany
313 Newton
289 Hutchinson First

KANSAS CITY

1,240 Olathe College
466 Kansas City First
382 Kansas City Nall Avenue
366 Kansas City Shawnee
276 Topeka First

KENTUCKY

355 Louisville Broadway
312 Lexington Lafayette
266 Georgetown
206 Columbia
186 Somerset First

LOS ANGELES

1,338 Pasadena First
292 Pasadena Bresee Avenue
289 Los Angeles First
264 Glendora
253 Temple City

LOUISIANA

169 Shreveport Huntington Park
113 Baton Rouge First
100 DeRidder
100 Shreveport First
99 Ebenezer

MAINE

265 South Portland
167 Skowhegan
122 Millinocket
115 Augusta *
108 Brunswick

MICHIGAN

569 Sturgis
495 Grand Rapids First
482 Jackson First
416 Lansing First
382 Midland Community

MINNESOTA

175 Minneapolis First
120 Litchfield
120 Osseo
120 Rochester
118 Grand Rapids

MISSISSIPPI

205 McComb First
192 Meridian Fitkin Memorial
128 Jackson First
110 Grenada
103 Columbus

MISSOURI

247 Hannibal First
239 St. Louis Southwest
203 St. Louis Webster Groves
193 St. Louis Overland
185 St. Louis Ferguson

NEBRASKA

211 North Platte
163 Hastings
157 Lincoln First
156 York
127 Grand Island

NEW ENGLAND

288 New Bedford Intl.
251 Lowell
200 Manchester
198 Nashua
188 Quincy

NEW MEXICO

316 Clovis First
218 Albuquerque First
206 Albuquerque Sandia
195 El Paso First
156 Roswell First

NEW YORK

342 Brooklyn Beulah
208 Lakeland First
153 Fishkill
136 New Milford
113 Valley Stream

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN

94 Cache
92 Chilchibeto
92 Shonto
79 Lechee
76 Leupp

NORTH ARKANSAS

223 Conway First
202 Springdale
187 Rogers
128 Van Buren
117 Bentonville

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

288 Eureka First
243 Concord
231 San Jose First
210 Santa Rosa
161 Hayward

NORTH CAROLINA

333 Hendersonville
262 Pineville
162 Fayetteville
155 Burlington First
127 Raleigh First

NORTH FLORIDA

219 Jacksonville University Blvd
188 Pensacola First
132 Gainesville
129 Jacksonville Central
125 Jacksonville Oak Hill

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO

684 Mount Vernon First
467 Marion First
324 Bedford
321 Jefferson
307 Bucyrus

NORTHEAST INDIANA

405 Huntington First
357 Anderson First
279 Muncie Southside
278 Winchester
259 Fort Wayne Lake Avenue

NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA

350 Tulsa Central
340 Sapulpa First
224 Collinsville
200 Bartlesville
171 Broken Arrow

NORTHWEST

381 Moscow
350 Spokane First
251 Coeur d'Alene
250 Spokane Valley
247 Yakima First

NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

483 Sterling
259 Pekin First
228 Rock Island
225 Galesburg First
188 Eureka

NORTHWEST INDIANA

500 Portage First
388 Kokomo First
282 Valparaiso
223 Hammond First
201 South Bend First
201 South Lake



NORTHWESTERN OHIO

239 Lima Community
 234 Springfield High
 223 Piqua
 209 Springfield First
 204 Toledo Oregon First

NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA

1,653 Bethany First
 428 Bethany Williams Memorial
 326 Oklahoma City Lakeview Park
 283 Enid First
 255 Oklahoma City First

OREGON PACIFIC

1,190 Salem First
 568 Beaverton
 533 Portland First
 388 Eugene First
 371 Medford First

PHILADELPHIA

387 Fairview Village
 351 Ephrata
 322 Vineland
 319 Crossroads
 300 Allentown

PITTSBURGH

312 Warren
 202 Oil City
 202 Waynesburg
 187 Pittsburgh South Hills
 174 Homer City

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

153 Kalispell
 137 Great Falls
 132 Cheyenne Grace
 108 Casper
 94 Missoula

SACRAMENTO

385 Sacramento Liberty Towers
 235 Auburn
 222 Redding First
 206 Oroville
 191 Sacramento First

SAN ANTONIO

241 Harlingen
 203 Austin Grace
 203 Odessa First
 176 San Antonio First
 159 Temple First

SOUTH ARKANSAS

263 Little Rock First
 236 North Little Rock First
 178 Hot Springs First
 167 Little Rock Rose Hill
 130 Little Rock Calvary
 130 Little Rock Trinity
 130 Texarkana First

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

860 Long Beach First
 464 San Diego First
 380 Westminster Community
 332 Anaheim First
 322 Riverside Arlington

SOUTH CAROLINA

440 Fort Mill
 275 Columbia First
 198 Rock Hill West Main
 195 Langley
 192 Sumter First

SOUTHERN FLORIDA

491 Bradenton First
 419 Princeton
 382 Miami Hosannah
 289 Pompano Beach
 256 Sebring

SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA

203 Henryetta
 203 Durant
 155 Midwest City First
 150 Ada
 146 Midwest City Chapman

SOUTHWEST INDIANA

508 Seymour First
 263 Bloomington First
 249 Brazil
 240 New Albany First
 216 Columbus First

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

404 Cincinnati Springdale
 340 Xenia
 297 Trenton
 272 Dayton Beavercreek
 261 Pisgah Community

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA

374 Oklahoma City Western Oaks
 344 Oklahoma City Trinity
 314 Bethany Calvary
 245 Yukon
 200 Bethany Jernigan Memorial

TENNESSEE

870 Nashville First
 348 Nashville Grace
 261 Nashville College Hill
 246 Nashville Bethel
 184 Clarksville First

UPSTATE NEW YORK

208 Owego
 173 Rochester Calvary
 147 Rochester Grace
 143 Syracuse Immanuel
 128 Binghamton

VIRGINIA

592 Richmond Southside
 352 Arlington Calvary
 284 Roanoke First
 201 Harrisonburg
 172 Hampton

WASHINGTON

274 York
 264 Marley Park
 249 Salisbury
 219 Baltimore First
 209 Laurel

WASHINGTON PACIFIC

403 Puyallup
 361 Vancouver Hillcrest
 339 Seattle Aurora
 306 Centralia
 263 Kent First

WEST LATIN AMERICA

431 L.A. Belvedere
 355 L.A. Boyle Heights
 261 Cucamonga
 209 Placentia
 187 Chandler

WEST TEXAS

280 Arlington First
 280 Lubbock First
 246 Amarillo First
 206 Wichita Falls First
 195 Amarillo San Jacinto

WEST VIRGINIA

376 South Charleston First
 322 Newell First
 290 Charleston Davis Creek
 288 Weirton
 242 Huntington First

WISCONSIN

122 Racine Taylor Avenue
 106 Mattoon
 95 St. Croix Falls
 91 Richland Center
 87 Burlington

1983 HARVEST INVOLVES . . .

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by MARY HOLMES

DARREN sat by the Christmas tree. The corners of his mouth hung down, somewhat like the limp ends of the branches. Only a few days ago the sparkle in his eyes compared favorably to the twinkle of lights that adorned the family masterpiece. Now as he looked at the clutter of gifts and crinkled paper, he felt like crying. His head dropped in response to the pressures of his thoughts.

The last few days of school had dragged. It seemed as though every conversation started with "I want." The teachers had given up on any structure in the classroom. Most of the children were putting last-minute finishing touches on gifts for their parents. Darren smiled when he thought of the Nativity scene he had constructed. He'd done such a nice job of Joseph's face, but why did he put the head backwards on the body? "Never mind," he thought, "Grandfather will arrive today. He always knows what to do." Sure enough, Grandfather met him upon his arrival home from school. Oh, how great this Christmas is going to be, thought Darren as Grandfather gently took Joseph's head off and turned it around. As the glue was setting

the GREATEST GIFT of ALL

they got to talking about the first Christmas. Grandfather knew the story so well, it was as if he had been there. He said, "Until you take Jesus out of the manger, you'll never be really happy, though, Darren."

Mother called, "Darren, are you getting things tidied up in there?"

"Oh, yes, Mom." As he got up, boxes and wrappings carelessly balanced in his arms, he caught a glimpse of the Nativity scene atop the piano. Joseph stood proudly at the head of the family, Mary watched over Baby Jesus, just as Grandfather had told him. He set the boxes and wrappings on the piano stool, and, deep in thought, Darren reached forward to take Baby Jesus out of the manger. What had Grandfather meant, "Until you take Baby Jesus out of the manger, you'll never be really happy?" Happiness, thought Darren, certainly could not be used to describe him at the present time. But what was this? It looked like a note in the manger. Quickly he took it out.

"Dear Darren," it read, "how glad I am the condition of your heart has led you to take Baby Jesus out of the manger. You see, Darren, Christmas is such a happy time, sharing with relatives and friends, the wonderful meal Mother so generously serves and the exchange of gifts between loved ones. But so often the greatest gift of all is never accepted. On that night so long ago, God gave to us the Promised One, His Son, who would grow to walk among man—an example to all those who would come to love Him and accept Him as the Son of God. Can you imagine how we would feel if we got a gift for someone whom we loved and they never accepted it? And yet the greatest gift of all so often goes unaccepted day after day, year after year. God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to live among men to teach them of His love, to heal them, and later to die for them. When He died it was so all those who believed in Him might be forgiven for their sins, or wrongdoings, and then go and live with Him when their lives here on earth were completed. It is my prayer, Darren, that you might open your heart today to accept the greatest Gift of all, the Lord Jesus Christ." It was signed, "Because of Him, Grandfather."

Darren called his mother, she read the letter. With tears in their eyes, they knelt together at that very spot. Darren asked Jesus to come into his heart so that he might do the things the Lord wanted him to do from that day on, and his mother thanked God for His precious love shown to her over the years. Darren got up with Baby Jesus clutched in his hand. "Let's phone Grandfather and tell him I've taken Baby Jesus out of the manger, and now He's in my heart." □

MARY HOLMES is a resident of Brentwood Bay, British Columbia, Canada.

in the border city of Carlisle, Cumbria, England. On our retirement in September 1981, we visited our daughter Maureen, husband Richard, and two granddaughters in Houston, Tex. While we were there we fellowshiped with a number of Nazarene churches in that area. It was a great joy to meet our American Nazarenes. We also visited First

Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., on our way home. To have been in America was a dream of a lifetime come true. We were also privileged to attend the NIROGA at Lake Yale in Florida. We made many friends on our visit.

*Allan and Mary Paterson
Carlisle, England*

PLEASED WITH DATE

I was glad to read the article "Date with Destiny," by Leslie Wooten, in the July 15 issue. I didn't know how

our church leaders felt about how this world is going, like it could be near the end of this age. I hardly ever see anything in the *Herald* about the signs of the times. Some of the other denominations are coming out pretty strong on the signs of the times. Thank you for printing the article; it let me know how some are thinking. We think the *Herald of Holiness* is a fine Christian magazine.

*Mrs. Weldon Daniel
Plainview, Texas*



Another SOWED THE SEED

by RALPH L. MOULTON

HIS UNRULY HAIR was snow white, but 87 years of living had not dimmed the twinkle in his eyes nor dulled his sense of humor. One notices immediately his mental alertness, keen insight, and depth of understanding. Listening to him talk, one is made aware of his broad travels and endless scope of interest.

It all started when Dorothy Davis, a dedicated member of my church, asked if I would visit her neighbor in the hospital. He was recovering from a heart attack. When I agreed to make the call, she informed me that he was Irish Catholic.

While visiting him in his hospital room the next day, I soon became aware of his spiritual concern. Here was a man of refinement, dignity, and knowledge, who could converse on almost any subject except a personal relationship with Christ. As I closed my short visit with prayer, I asked God to bless Eugene physically and spiritually, and to increase his faith in Him. As I left his room, he remarked, "Reverend, when I get out of here, I will see you in church."

Approximately three months later, during a morning service, to my pleasant surprise, I walked Eugene with a lady friend. His faithful attendance since that first morning and his sincere search for Christ have been answers to prayer.

A year has passed since I first visited Eugene Kelly in that hospital room, and today I visited him there again. This time it was to explain the plan of salvation,

and to pray and to witness a penitent sinner accepting Christ as Savior.

Before leaving his room, I promised that my wife and I would return the following Saturday at 3 p.m. We would meet him in the hospital chapel. I would receive him into church membership. Eugene was to undergo surgery the following Monday morning for lung cancer. For fear that he might not get back to church, he wanted to make sure his membership was in the church he had learned to love in such a short time.

I have never experienced greater joy in receiving someone into church membership, as Eugene and his friend, Alta Pausch, responded to my reading of the ritual of membership.

Eugene made it through surgery, which removed one lobe of his lungs. During the first days of his recovery, we almost lost him a number of times. Had it not been for the prayers of God's people, coupled with the ability of well-trained doctors and nurses who would not give up, Eugene would not have lived to read what I am writing about him. Now, he is eager to return to church and find his place of service.

What started Eugene's quest for a personal relationship with Christ? Could it have been an answer to loved ones' prayers from many years ago? Could it have been the lasting influence of a young southern girl whom this World War I soldier from New York City married immediately following the war, and who died years ago? Perhaps it was the encouragement, prayers, and patience of his lovely friend, Alta Pausch, who received her schooling under Dr. Norman Vincent Peale in the importance of a personal relationship with Christ.

God alone knows who sowed the seed! Perhaps, it was a combination of all these influences upon his life. I am happy that I was available to help reap the harvest. □

RALPH L. MOULTON pastors the Gulfport Church of the Nazarene, and resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

"By ALL MEANS... Save Some"

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Gregory Sizemore, Board of CL/SS chairman at the Newport, Ky., First Church, has been selected as an *Outstanding Young Man of America* for 1982.

Greg has served as BCL/SS chairman for two years. In addition, he teaches the junior high Sunday School class and will be serving on the East Kentucky District NYI Council for 1982-83.

Greg graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Cincinnati in 1979, earning a B.A. degree in economics. After graduation, Greg received a \$7,200 scholarship for graduate work at U.C. and graduated with honors, earning an M.A. degree in industrial and labor relations. Greg is presently the assistant director for labor relations for Allied Construction Industries in Cincinnati. □



Rev. Doug Samples, a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary, was recently honored as one of the *Outstanding Young Men of America* for 1982. This award is in recognition of professional achievement and service to the community. While pastoring in Bowling Green, Ohio, Rev. Samples served as president of the local ministerial association. Doug, his wife, Cheryl, and sons Scott and Mark, recently moved to pastor the Fresno, Calif., Trinity Church. □

R. Erwin Bush, pastor of Phenix City, Ala., First Church, received the doctor of theology degree on June 1 from Citadel Baptist Theological Seminary.

Other earned degrees include a bachelor of arts degree in education- psychology from Trevecca Nazarene College, a master of arts degree in education from George Peabody College

for Teachers, and postgraduate studies in supervision and administration from the University of Florida.

Rev. Bush has pastored 37 years in the Church of the Nazarene serving pastorates in Florida, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama. He is married to the former Edith Lucille Garrell of Lake Mary, Fla. They have two sons, Rev. Robert L. Bush, pastor of the West Flint Church, Flint, Mich., and Dr. Byron V. Bush, dentist, of Nashville. □



H. Mark Hendon graduated from Auburn University, Auburn, Ala., with the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, June 9. He received the B.S. degree, with a major in biology, from Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville.

The U.S. Army awarded two veterinary scholarships in Alabama, and Hendon was the recipient of one. He graduated as an army captain, with choice duty in the U.S. for four years. His special interest is equine medicine, but he plans to have a general practice.

Mark is married to René Matthews, also a TNC alumnus, and they have a baby girl, Breanne. Dr. Hendon is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Douglas W. Hendon, who pastor the Summersville, Ky., church. □



David J. Sullivan received his doctor of ministry degree June 13, 1982, from the Western Conservative Baptist Seminary in Portland, Ore. His project was titled "A Comparison of Principles and Practices of Worship in the Scriptures and in the Evangelical Community." He is also a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary. Dr. Sullivan is beginning his 12th year as pastor of the Portland, Ore., Brentwood Church. □

Darrell W. Swank of Grand Forks, N.D., has entered the College of Medicine, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. In May of this year, he received the Ph.D. degree *summa cum*

laude in biochemistry from University of North Dakota.

In June 1976, Swank graduated from Mid-America Nazarene College. He and his wife, Tavia Lynn Davidson, are members of the Larrimore, N.D., church. Swank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Grant Swank, Sr., of Denton, Tex. □



Richard D. Nielson, chief executive officer of Dallas/Fort Worth Medical Center-Grand Prairie, was advanced from member to fellowship status in the American College of Hospital Administrators on August 29. The 48th convocation ceremony of the ACHA was held at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel in conjunction with the association's annual convention.

The ACHA is a Chicago-based international professional society of more than 16,000 health care executives. Richard was a 1963 graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, with a B.S. in business administration. He also graduated from Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, with the Master of Health Administration in 1972.

He and his wife, Jamie Raye (Hubbert), and their two children—Rick, age 16; and Christina, age 13—are active in the Grand Prairie, Tex., church. □



Bruce L. Petersen, pastor of Springfield, Ohio, First Church, received his doctor of ministry degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill., June 11, 1982. The title of his major project was "A Personal Evangelism Training for a Local Nazarene Church."

Dr. Petersen is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College (B.A. in psychology in 1965) and Nazarene Theological Seminary (M.Div. in 1971). He is currently serving as the ministerial alumni representative to the Olivet Board of Trustees. □

Don York, associate pastor of the Nashville College Hill Church, has been selected as an *Outstanding Young Man of America* for 1982. He was selected for his leadership in the community and church.

He received a B.A. from Trevecca Nazarene College, a master's degree in psychology from Middle Tennessee State, and the M.Div. from Vanderbilt University. Don and his wife, Carla, reside in Nashville. □

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group had a display depicting the agriculture and agrimissions program at the college. They also demonstrated a unique 7-hp., self-help, low-technology tractor and plow utilized at the school's 80-acre experimental farm. It is adapted for third world use.

Lutheran, Mennonite, Christian Church, Methodist, and other denominations were represented at the festival where over 15 different hunger projects were shared and discussed. Kits, bandages, layettes, livestock, and food boxes were gathered to be sent overseas to different world hunger centers.

Yungmi, who upon completion of his education plans to return to his native hill people in Thailand and work in agricultural development, summed it up by commenting, "It was encouraging to see various denominational and congregational efforts undertaken by laymen and clergy pooling both their concern and creativity to help all of God's children." □



A Philips EM200 transmission electron microscope was installed this summer in two newly renovated laboratories in the Rohr Science Building at Point Loma College in San Diego. This major acquisition resulted from the planning and fund-raising efforts of Dr. Keith Pagan, Mr. Hank Miller, Dr. Victor Heasley, Dr. David Brown, Dr. Cindy Lewis, and Dr. Michael McConnell. PLC has received a \$6,000 discretionary grant from Research Corporation and \$1,000 from the PLC Research Associates, as well as sizable gifts from a number of individuals. The electron microscope uses an electron beam focused by electromagnetic lenses much the same way that a light microscope uses glass lenses to magnify a specimen. The EM200 resolves viruses, molecules, and molecular structures. This tool revolutionized modern biological and clinical research. It will be used for teaching and research at PLC.

MANC INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVAL

International students enrolled in the Mid-America Nazarene College agriculture program recently participated in an interdenominational Festival of Sharing. The festival was sponsored by many denominations from the mid-western states. The participants were united in one common mission—that of helping fight international world hunger. The festival was held at Sedalia, Mo. Many projects and displays were set up to focus on fighting the world hunger battle internationally.

A Thailand agrimissions student, Samuel Yungmi, and agribusiness major, Tujaden Guwa from Nigeria, accompanied Dr. Steve Forsythe, MANC professor of agriculture, to the all-day festival. The meeting involved concerned Christian laymen and clergy from a variety of beliefs. The MANC



Tujaden Guwa (l.), an agriculture major from MANC, and Dr. Steve Forsythe, agricultural professor, at the booth set up at the recent Festival of Sharing in Sedalia, Mo.

HELFRICH RESIGNS AS VICE-PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AT ENC

Rev. Robert Helfrich has asked to be relieved of his duties as vice-president of student affairs at Eastern Nazarene College, effective at the time of the trustee meeting, October 6. To give continuity to the work of the Student Affairs Office, President Nease has asked Dr. Tom Barnard to serve as acting dean of student affairs on an interim basis.

In commenting on the resignation Dr. Nease stated, "Although we will be honoring Rev. Helfrich at an appropriate occasion, we now extend to him our deep appreciation for a job well done during the past 14 years. We will miss him in his professional campus relationship as he pursues his counseling interests, but will always consider him and his wife, Geri, as valued and continuing members of our 'ENC family.'"

Dr. Barnard, who served many years in the area of student affairs at Bethany Nazarene College, will assume this new responsibility in addition to his assignment as executive assistant to the president.

Referring to health considerations relating to his resignation, Dean Helfrich stated, "My times at ENC will always be remembered warmly by me, but now I need relief from the stress and pressure that the job presents. I look forward to a new field of service."



Olivet Nazarene College celebrated its 75th anniversary October 5-6, 1982. As a part of the festivities all former presidents were honored either personally or through a family representative, with a medallion especially struck for the occasion. Dr. T. W. Willingham, who served as president from 1926-1938, was unable to schedule the celebration, but was represented by his son, Charles, from Washington, D.C. A bit of the anniversary aura was later brought to Dr. Willingham in Kansas City by Dr. Leslie Parrott (*L.*), who presented the special presidential medallion to him during a noontime gathering of friends.



Action Corps, the Youth Mission team of Southwestern Ohio District NYI, visited the Nazarene Publishing House recently. The youth held a VBS for the Indian church in Cache, Okla., and passed through Kansas City on their way home.



Target Ministries was recently established on the Southwestern Ohio District by the NYI. Under the direction of Dave Curtiss, over 70 teens from around the district called on over 2,000 homes in Mason, Ohio. While calling, the teens did not just distribute literature, but communicated with people, stopping to play with children, talking with fellow teens, and covering the community with the Good News. Pictured is "In His Service," a Southwestern Ohio District campus-career singing group, that sang at shopping centers and central locations in the city. That evening Dr. Harold Graves, district superintendent, brought the message and the youth choir from the Beavercreek church presented a miniconcert to the congregation to encourage the Mason church. During the evening service a teen who had been invited during the day's calling came forward and accepted Christ as his personal Savior. Over 115 young people were involved, 2,000 homes were contacted, and the church at Mason encouraged. *Target-Mason* was an outstanding success.



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Dr. Richard Jones, director of the Mount Vernon Nazarene College Computer Center, demonstrates the graphic capabilities of one of the five GIGI (General Image Generator and Interpreter) terminals that were part of an award given to the college by Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) Special Equipment Grant Program. The grant also included a graphics printer and associated software.

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Evangelist Don Pfeifer has set up a scholarship fund for students at Nazarene Bible College. The money is being derived from his tape ministry known as the "Pfeifer Evangelistic Ministries." The scholarship is in memory of his oldest son, Sam Pfeifer, who died as a result of a tragic automobile accident. Mark Pfeifer (l.) presents the first check in the amount of \$2,500 to Dr. L. S. Oliver (r.), president of NBC. Evangelist Don Pfeifer (center) looks on.



Gerald D. Oliver (l.) and Jerry Cordell (r.) pose with Sacramento District Superintendent Walter M. Hubbard (center) at a very successful Christian Life Seminar held September 10-11 at the Chico, Calif., church. Mr. Cordell is chairman of the district Board of Christian Life, and Mr. Oliver is chairman emeritus of the Roosevelt National Life Insurance Company of America.

CRADDOCK NAMED MVNC ADMISSIONS COORDINATOR



Mrs. Molli Craddock has been named to the post of coordinator for admissions at Mount Vernon Nazarene College.

Craddock received her B.A. degree in communications with a minor in English from MVNC in 1982. She was chosen by the faculty to receive the Service Above Self Award, the highest honor given to a graduating man and woman in recognition of their service to the college and their peers.

While at MVNC, Craddock was involved in the MOVENACO Players, was the secretary-treasurer for the Association for the Interaction of Married Students, and copy editor for the student newspaper.

In 1979 she was named to the National Dean's List and in 1981 she was elected to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. In 1982 she was elected as a member of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

Craddock and her husband, Doug, reside in Mount Vernon and attend the Lakeholm Church of the Nazarene. □

THE TENNESSEE DISTRICT ACTS TO STRENGTHEN MINORITY MINISTRY

The 71st convention and assembly of the Tennessee District acted in a manner reminiscent of the early days of the church. Pastors and laymen spontaneously offered over \$45,000 to construct a new church of a Black congregation in Memphis.

Robert Mitchell, Sr., pastor of the church at Erin, Tenn., had already supplied funds and labor in helping a new church at Savannah, Tenn.

"I don't have clearance from anybody except the Holy Spirit," Mitchell told a packed house during the Thursday evening service. "I believe we ought to help the Memphis Friendship Church put up a new building, and I want to commit my church at Erin for \$2,000. How about the rest of you?"

The rest was a powerful demonstration of what the Holy Spirit can do in a willing crowd. For the next 45 minutes pledges of money, material, and skilled labor preempted a planned message by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe.

Before the benediction that evening, not only was Friendship Church assured of a \$100,000 debt-free structure at the corner of Manasses and North Parkway in Memphis, the crowd also moved to assist the new Nashville Metropolitan Church which serves several minorities, and they voiced a desire to



A new addition to the Trevecca Nazarene College campus this fall is the renovated old Davis Apartments into a guest house for campus visitors. Construction on the dwelling began last spring with a cost of approximately \$40,000. Built during the 1940s by C. W. Davis, the house was originally used as an apartment dwelling for college students. There are six guest rooms with semiprivate baths and one room with a private entrance and bath.

expand the work among the Blacks of Clarksville.

Rev. Rufus Sanders, pastor of the Friendship Church, which had been meeting in inadequate facilities near the proposed building site, said, "I don't know how to thank you. I have nothing prepared to say since I had no

idea such a blessing was in store."

"I feel a new wind moving through Tennessee," Rev. Talmadge Johnson, district superintendent, declared. Construction on the new Friendship Church is to begin this fall with the cooperation of Tennessee Men for Missions. □



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The General NYI Council and staff of Youth Ministries announces the selection of Ann Kiemel Anderson as one of the evening speakers for WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83. The event is scheduled for June 20-27 in Oaxtepec, Mexico.

Ann's seven books, *Hi, I'm Ann, I'm*

Out to Change My World, It's Incredible, I Love the Word Impossible, I'm Celebrating, Yes, and I'm Running to Win, are all among the top sellers in Christian literature. Two films, *Hi, I'm Ann* and *Ann's Kids* have just recently been released.

Several awards testify to the excellence of her achievements, including the *Campus Life* award for Best Book, Personal Growth, 1976-77.

A former youth director in California, and dean of women at Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass.,

Ann now divides her time between writing, her neighborhood fellowship projects and her invigorating, inspiring talks to church and civic groups nationwide.

For more information concerning WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83, contact your district NYI president, or Mike Estep, director of the event, at 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. Watch for further WYC Updates in future issues of the *Herald of Holiness*.

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Pictured is Capt. Edna Peters, USN Nurses Corps, chief of nursing services Naval Regional Medical Clinic, Port Hueneme, Calif. Capt. Peters retired from the Navy July 30, after 24 years of service. Though she served in many parts of the world, she remained a loyal Nazarene. She delivered a farewell address to Navy personnel, family, and friends, numbering about 250 at the Naval Nursing Center. Commanding Officer Capt. Frederick Leisse, MC, USN, presented her with a plaque. Capt. Mary E. Hall, director, Nursing Service Naval Regional Medical Center, Newport, R.I., was the special speaker. Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, director of Church Extension Ministries, also participated in retirement ceremonies. He was Edna's pastor 24 years ago when she made the decision to enter the Naval Nursing career. Capt. Peters now plans to enter law school.

GIFT TO ENC IN MEMORY OF PHELMA SHAFFER O'CONNELL

A gift of \$300,000 toward the Edith F. Cove Fine Arts Center at Eastern Nazarene College has been made by Peter and William O'Connell of Quincy, Mass. It was given in memory of their mother, Phelma Shaffer O'Connell, who attended ENC in the early 1930s. In response to this generous memorial gift, the Board of Trustees has voted to name the 500-seat auditorium the "Phelma Shaffer O'Connell Auditorium."

During her years at Eastern Naza-

rene College, Mrs. O'Connell studied music extensively under Professor Edith E. Cove, in whose memory the building has been named.

Peter and Bill O'Connell operate the O'Connell Brothers Construction Company, a division of which is constructing the fine arts building. Their gift continues their interest in the work of the college which their mother attended. The same firm built the Samuel Young Apartment Building on campus and has done extensive renovation and construction work for ENC.

A service of dedication of the auditorium is planned in March 1983 to mark the first anniversary of the death of Mrs. O'Connell.

In commenting on the O'Connell gift, President Nease stated "Bill and Peter O'Connell have consistently demonstrated concern for the work of ENC. We are delighted to accept this memorial gift that represents the largest individual gift ever given to our college. It is a fitting memorial to Mrs. O'Connell, who was an exemplary mother, inspiration, and guide to her family." □



The New Zealand District, under the leadership of Rev. Dwight Neuenschwander, sponsored a booth displaying Christian literature from the Nazarene Publishing House at the Winter Show in Hamilton, New Zealand, May 1982. More than 200,000 people came by the booth, many of them accepting copies of the *Herald of Holiness* and *World Mission* magazines. David Worship, a layman from the Hamilton church, designed the booth. His wife, Raewyn, is pictured after it was completed.



On September 9, the Southern California District Christian Schools Committee sponsored an in-service day for the Nazarene schools of the California Region. Bob Ferris, chairman of the Christian Schools Committee, and Dwight Collins, secretary, planned and hosted the event, which was held at Nazarene Christian School of Norwalk, where Dr. Dean Shaw is pastor and Mr. Collins is school administrator. A group of 165 educators representing 17 schools attended the sessions. Rev. Phil Riley, Christian Life and Sunday School Division director at Nazarene Headquarters, and Mrs. Nancy Cash, principal of Woodcrest Nazarene Christian School of Los Angeles, were the keynote speakers. The theme for the day was "The Christian School as an Outreach Arm of the Church." Shown (back row, l. to r.) are Dr. Robert Scott, district superintendent, Southern California; Dwight Collins; and Dr. Dean Shaw; (front row) Rev. Phil Riley and Robert Ferris.



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Dr. Harold Graves (*l.*), superintendent of the Southwestern Ohio District, holds the trophy as Clyde Stafford announces Summerville, Ky., winner of the Second Annual National Nazarene Softball Tournament, held at the Cincinnati Springdale Church on Labor Day. Jerry Price (*r.*) of Summerville accepts the trophy. A crowd of 1,185 attended the Sunday service, which was held outdoors.

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 GARRY K. LEWELLEN to Anderson, Calif.
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Pictured at the Dakota District Assembly (*l. to r.*) are Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendent; ordinands (*with wives seated in front*), Ray Booton, James Kraemer, Gene Lybarger, Mark Holland, Stephen Mounts, John Mayes, Randy Williams; and District Superintendent F. Thomas Bailey.



Shown at the Indianapolis District Assembly with Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent, (*l. to r.*) are ordinands Rev. (Miss) Carol Martin, Rev. and Mrs. Russtom Ghebremichael, Rev. and Mrs. David Stewart, and Rev. John F. Hay, district superintendent.



Shown at the Eastern Kentucky District Assembly (*l. to r.*) are Dr. John May, district superintendent; Floyd Hall, ordained; Charles Lane, whose credentials were recognized; Karl Bender, ordained; Mrs. LaVonne Brown, commissioned minister of Christian education; and Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent.



Pictured at the 1982 Northwest Indiana District Assembly (*l. to r.*) are Dr. Thomas M. Hermon, district superintendent; ordinand Rev. and Mrs. Byron M. Hunt; Mr. Leroy Jones, commissioned minister of Christian education; ordinand Rev. and Mrs. Randy D. Lanham; and Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent.



Shown at the 1982 Wisconsin District Assembly (l. to r.) are Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent; ordinands and wives, Rev. and Mrs. John Snyder, Rev. and Mrs. Keith Stuck; and Rev. and Mrs. J. Ted Holstein, superintendent of the Wisconsin District.

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VITAL STATISTICS

EARLY NAZARENE DIES

Mrs. Lillie Pearl Deboard, 90, died Oct. 1 in Los Angeles. Funeral services were held at the Memorial Chapel, Rose Hills, Whittier, Calif. The service for her husband, Dr. W. I. Deboard, was held there 10 years previous. Her son, Dr. Oren Deboard, conducted the funeral service, assisted by Dr. Paul Benefiel, Los Angeles district superintendent, and grandson, Rev. Alan Wheatley, of Sun Valley, Calif.

Lillie Deboard was one of the few remaining pioneers in the Church of the Nazarene. Coming into the church in August 1909, she married a young evangelist, Rev. W. I. Deboard. Together they labored from Oklahoma through Missouri, into Arkansas, and to California. Lillie was very active in Sunday School work. Altogether the Deboards started 27 churches as pastors. Their last pastorate was in starting the new work at Fort Bragg, Calif., in 1966. They were there 2 years when they retired from the pastorate at age of 84 and 74 respectively. They then held revivals and supplied for pastors until their 64th year in the ministry together in the Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by a sister, Lulu Hignite, of Visalia, Calif., 6 sons and daughters, Dr. William B. Deboard, Paul Deboard, James Deboard, Beulah Hollembeck, Mary Lewis, and Dr. Oren Deboard; a niece, Ethel Skinner; 24 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

DEATHS

DEBORAH ADAMS, 23, died Oct. 10 in Santa Rosa, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles E. Strickland and Rev. Joe Chastain. Interment was in Petaluma, California. She is survived by her parents, William and Janet Adams; and two brothers, Richard and Danny.

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MRS. HELEN BERGSTEN, 86, died Nov. 5 in Junction City, Kans. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Sumner Morrison. Surviving are two sons, Dale A. and G. Roland; one daughter, Mrs. Leonard (Doris) Peterson; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

JERRY LYNN DILLMAN, 26, died July 15 in Canton, N.C., in an industrial accident. Funeral services were conducted in Hazelwood, N.C., by Rev. Charles Fountain, Jr. and Rev. Larry Snyder. Interment was in Henderson, Ky., with services conducted by Rev. Dewey J. Williams. He is survived by his wife, Bobbie (Compton); one son, Johnathan Kyle; one daughter, Jenifer; his parents; three brothers; three sisters; and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

BEULAH B. HARPER, 74, died Oct. 31 in Lancaster, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Garth Hyde and Rev. Orville Parnell. She is survived by 1 son, Ira; 1 daughter, Bonnie Girard; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers; and 1 sister.

DIXIE LEE HILLMAN, 75, died Oct. 21 in Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Phil Bower. Surviving are her husband, Clyde; 1 son, Donald; 3 daughters, Phyllis Voiles, Corrine Watson, and Glenna Hawley; 10 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

GEORGE ARTHUR LANGDALE, 88, and BERTHA LANGDALE, 87, died Oct. 4 in Council Bluffs, Ia., in a car accident. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. D. Foster. Interment for Mrs. Langdale was in Beatrice, Neb. Surviving members of George's family are 1 son, G. Arthur, Jr.; 3 daughters, Mrs. Donald (Delores) Peters, Mrs. Edward (Bonnie) Major, and Mrs. Alvin (Dorothy) Whisler; 8 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and 2 brothers; and for Bertha: 1 daughter, Mrs. Delbert (Violet) Hevelone; 5 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers; and 1 sister.

GOLDA ALICE LEWIS, 84, died Oct. 25 in West Palm Beach, Fla. Memorial services in West Palm Beach were conducted by Rev. Russell E. Lewis, and in Akron, Ohio, by Dr. H. T. Lewis. Interment was in Clinton, Ohio. She is survived by 2 sons, Howard T. and Russell E.; 1 daughter, Margaret Brabham; 8 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

ROSA E. SCHWANZ, 86, died Oct. 4 in Wichita, Kans. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles Wylie and Rev. Floyd Schwanz, a grandson. She is survived by 1 son, LeRoy; 3 daughters, LaVeta Biggs, Arletta Morris, and Cletus Brinkley; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 2 sisters.

MRS. MARY JO WALKER, 56, died Sept. 24 in Pasadena, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Eugene Plemons, D. W. Thaxton, Myron Johnson, and Mark Goodwin. Interment was in Houston, Tex. Surviving are her husband, Charles H.; one son, David Charles; three daughters, Grace Ann, Angela Gay, and Melanie Joy; her parents; one brother; and two sisters.

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Besides Shanghai, another plant has been added in Fuzhou this year to print Bibles containing the New Testament and the Psalms. Next year a plant in Nanjing will be printing Bibles with both the Old and New Testaments. Besides Chinese Bibles, copies of the Korean Bible have been printed in Liaoning in July this year. The authority is also planning to print Bibles for minority groups. □

ARCHAEOLOGISTS MAY HAVE MADE HISTORIC FIND IN CAPERNAUM. Archaeologists may have discovered the house where Jesus stayed in Capernaum, according to an article published in the November/December issue of the *Biblical Archaeology Review*. In the top-most level of the site, the Franciscan Fathers who conducted the excavation found an octagon-shaped church. In antiquity, octagonal churches were built over sites that memorialized places of special importance to the Early Church.

The octagonal church in Capernaum probably marked the site of St. Peter's House, say James F. Strange and Hershel Shanks, authors of the article. Strange is a biblical archaeologist and expert in early Christianity who teaches at the University of South Florida. Shanks is editor of the *Biblical Archaeology Review*, the journal of the Biblical Archaeology Society. According to implications in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, Jesus lived in St. Peter's house in Capernaum. Here Jesus also cured the paralytic who was lowered through the roof (Mark 2).

Beneath the octagonal church, archaeologists found a house that had been converted into a church in the mid-first century A.D. The house was originally built in the first century B.C. Thousands of Christian pilgrims came to the house-church and scratched their messages and signs in the plaster walls of the now-venerated room. Over 100 of these graffiti, as they are called, have survived. These include a number of crosses and messages like "Christ have mercy" and "Lord Jesus Christ help thy servant."

The first-century house may have originally belonged to St. Peter and was then turned into a house-church when the walls were first plastered in the late first-century A.D. Then in the fifth century, the octagonal church was built precisely over this venerated room. St. Peter's house is just 84 feet south of Capernaum's famous ancient synagogue. □

BICENTENNIAL OF BIBLE PUBLISHING IN AMERICA OBSERVED. The bicentennial of Bible publishing in the United States was observed November 21-28 during National Bible Week in major libraries across the country. There were special exhibits from major Bible publishers at the Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 19. The annual interfaith week coincides with Thanksgiving, America's only nonsectarian religious holiday.

On September 12, 1782, the Continental Congress authorized publishing of the King James Version of the Bible in the United States by a Philadelphia printer. It is the only time Congress has taken such action on a religious matter. After the Revolution, the new government wished to curtail dependence on England for supplies, including Bibles. A Library Committee for National Bible Week 1982 was created to help mark this landmark year in Bible publishing by the Laymen's National Bible Committee, the week's sponsors. □

BERGMAN, Bethany, Okla., a boy, Peter Barret, Oct. 27

to REV. GARY AND BETH (ROTH) BOND, Sturgis, Mich., a girl, Joy Elizabeth, Aug. 13

to DANNY AND BETH (MOORE) BYLER, Bethany, Okla., a girl, Christina Ann, Sept. 30

to GREGORY AND ALISA (RUNION) COOPER, Milford, Ohio, a girl, Karissa Dion, Aug. 24

to REV. PHIL AND SARA (HOPWOOD) EDWARDS, North Vernon, Ind., a boy, Jacob Detroy, Oct. 29

to STEVEN AND ETHEL (HARTLEY) FARRELL, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, a girl, Joy Sharyn, July 12

to REV. GLEN AND KAYLA (KING) GARDNER, Drexel, Mo., a girl, Kelsey Erin, Nov. 2

to REV. STEVE AND EUNICE (SLAPPEY) HOOD, Monticello, Ga., a girl, Leigh Ann, Oct. 31

to REV. RICK AND SUE (WADDINGTON) HUTCHINSON, Shattuck, Okla., a girl, Shannon Denae, Aug. 20

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RHONDA SUE WILSON and DWIGHT EDWARD NEUENSCHWANDER, JR., at Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 11

DENISE CLARKE and TIMOTHY MALONY at Woodbridge, Va., Oct. 9

JANICE MALONY and FRANK SINOZICH at Woodbridge, Va., Oct. 9

LILLIE GRANT and DAVID STARTARE at Eureka, Calif., Nov. 6

ANNIVERSARIES

DR. AND MRS. W. H. DEITZ were recently honored on their golden wedding anniversary during a celebration held at the Porterville, Calif., church fellowship hall. Some 250 persons were present.

The honorees have spent 47 years in the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. Dr. Deitz was pastor of the local church 1957-56. He was elected superintendent of the Central California District in 1966, and served for 13 years. He is currently associate pastor of the Porterville church.

Dr. Wil Spaite, present district superintendent, and Pastor Harold Stickney headed the celebration. Ruth Leming was coordinator.

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THE ANSWER

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In Hebrews 8:10-13 the new covenant is explained. Please help me understand this better. Does it mean that in the Old Testament period people didn't have an inward understanding of God's laws? Did they only have the written laws to go by, but no inborn natural knowledge, such as we experience today? I read somewhere in the Bible that even the heathen know what they should or shouldn't do, because God has put this knowledge in their hearts. Is this the meaning of the new covenant? If so, what about the heathen people of the Old Testament period? If they had no inborn knowledge of God's laws will they be held responsible on judgment day?

The old covenant established Israel as the people of God on a legal basis. The new covenant establishes all who believe on Jesus Christ as the people of God on a moral basis. The old covenant, because it was an expression of the will of God, was "holy, and just, and good" (Romans 7:12). But while the Law could acquaint people with God's will, it could not convey the moral power to do that will. The death of Christ, as an offering for sin, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, as a consequence of that death, changes men inwardly, so that they can know and do God's will. This inward cleansing, this restructuring of our inner lives to harmonize with the will of God is what the prophet and the apostle meant by the writing of the law upon the heart. The author of Hebrews is not talking about "inborn natural knowledge" of God's law. He is talking about forgiveness and cleansing through Christ, a *supernatural* transformation of our relationship to God and our capacity to live for Him.

It is true that all men have a sense of right and wrong, a moral conscience that renders wrongdoing inexcusable (Romans 2:12-16). Our problem is not ignorance so much as impotence. The law written on stone—or in Scripture—enlightens our

ignorance. But only the forgiving grace of God, and the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, mediated through Jesus Christ, overcomes our impotence.

Some people say that Paul spoke in an unknown tongue. They use 1 Corinthians 14:18 to prove it. Does this mean that Paul spoke in an unknown tongue like the Pentecostals do?

Paul says, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all." Some have understood Paul to mean, "I speak with tongues more often than you." This, however, sounds like idle boasting. And how could he know this to be true? Others understand Paul to say, "I speak with more tongues—that is, I use more different languages—than you." If Paul was acquainted with the number of languages used by the church at Corinth, he could affirm this as simple fact without empty boast.

By "tongues" did he mean intelligible human languages, which might or might not be known by those who spoke or heard them? Or did he mean ecstatic, angelic utterances? This is the issue that divides people today.

In the light of the immediate context (chapters 12-14) and the remote context (the whole New Testament), I am convinced that "tongues" means languages—in the sense of Greek, Hebrew, Latin, French, English, Spanish, etc.—and not an unearthly, unintelligible concatenation of sounds. Paul's concern was for good order in public worship, where language served prophecy—the proclamation of God's word. The whole chapter plainly teaches that where the outsider does not understand this proclamation, because he is unfamiliar with the language, the purpose of the proclamation is thwarted. What is spoken should be "easy to understand" (v. 9), so that speaker and hearer are not foreigners to one another, but can communicate (v. 11). For purposes of communication, five words clearly understood are better than 10,000 words in an unfamiliar language.

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

Olean, N.Y.: The church recently held special services with *Rev. Lawrence Walker* from New Philadelphia, Ohio. Much prayer preceded this time. God gave genuine revival. One man who had been backslidden for years came back to Christ. Eight teenagers prayed through for salvation and sanctification. There was a total of 30 seekers through Sunday morning. ☐

—Larry A. Mancini, pastor

Danville, Ill., Oaklawn Church experienced a Spirit-directed revival with *Evangelist Leonard Hubart* and *Song Evangelist Richard Stipp*. Under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, Brother Hubart preached biblically based messages that touched the hearts of everyone. Richard Stipp was used of God to inspire the hearts of the congregation each night. ☐

—Bob Johnson, pastor

Goodrich, Mich., Christ Community Church recently experienced a

gracious revival and moving of the Holy Spirit under the ministry of *Rev. Joyce Hughes* from Dover, Tenn. She preached each night under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. People were saved and sanctified. The revival closed with the starting of a new Sunday School and a great healing service. ☐

—Wayne G. Greve, pastor

Jerseyville, Ill.: The church recently experienced a great revival with *Evangelist/Song Evangelist David Franklin*. Attendance was the best in many years. The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident in every service, prompting 30 seekers at the altar. Three of these received the experience of entire sanctification. There were seekers at the altar in every service. ☐

—David L. McGuire, pastor

Severy, Kans.: The church recently had a timely revival with *Rev. David Belzer* of Miller, S.D. His messages were all from the Book of Nehemiah, and he related the Word to the needs of the church today.

The church prepared for this revival with two months of prayer and an

18-hour chain of prayer the day before it began. The Holy Spirit was outpoured on the meeting with seekers at the altar almost every service. ☐

—David L. Weltmer, pastor

Sullivan, Ind.: The church recently had a very inspiring revival meeting with *Evangelist C. William Groves*. People were helped by the Bible-centered preaching and moved by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Some were saved, others sanctified, and many were drawn closer to God. ☐

—W. Sherman Beville, pastor

Waltersburg, Pa.: The church recently had an outstanding revival with *Evangelist John Cayton* of Middleboro, Mass., and *Song Evangelists Bob and Becky Grey* of Chariton, Ia. The altars were filled each evening with those seeking God's salvation in saving and sanctifying power. ☐

—Paul A. Cameron, pastor

Spencer, W.Va.: The church had a revival with *Evangelist Les Bearden* that was uplifting. He preached with authority and compassion. One of the highlights was when a 91-year-old man and his 80-year-old wife were saved in the Saturday night service. *Rev. Bearden's* ministry was used of the Lord as our people fell in love with Jesus afresh and anew. ☐

—Carl D. Smith, pastor

Burlington, N.C., First Church had a revival with the *Don Pfeifer Evangelistic Association* that stirred the church and reached out into the community. More than 40 people found victory at the altar. Some areas of vital concern to the church were resolved with restitutions being made.

The attendance in each service was better than the one before. In the Saturday evening service there were 20 different churches represented. ☐

—Paul Pearson, pastor

Cardington, Ohio: The church recently had a revival meeting with *Evangelist Don Ballard*. There were seekers in every service. Many prayers were answered as the people were obedient to the Holy Spirit. New folk also came in. One young couple attended our church for the first time and gave their hearts to Christ. ☐

—Walter W. Smith, pastor

Marshall, Mo.: The church recently had an excellent summer crusade involving several workers, including *Rev. Gary Bond*, evangelist; *Ron Johnson*, song evangelist; and *Rev. Vel and Arlene Sutton*, children's evangelists.

An intensive outreach campaign preceded the crusade. CONTACT, a summer ministry team sponsored by Youth



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Ministries, canvassed four target areas and conducted outdoor "Sunshine Clubs." More than 50 new prospects were found through the outreach campaign. Many new children and adults have begun attending church.

Record-breaking crowds gathered in night after night. Spirit-anointed singing by Ron Johnson prepared the hearts of people for the dynamic preaching of the evangelist.

The children's evangelism influenced more than 30 boys and girls making professions of faith. □

—Carlton F. Harvey, pastor

THE CHURCH SCENE

MICHIGAN NAZARENES EXTEND HELP TO INNER CITIES

"We've abandoned the city, and we feel a responsibility to go back into it, where the needs are," said Rev. James Conner, pastor of Detroit First Church. The Eastern Michigan District meeting at Flint Central Church, pledged enough money to hire a district staff member whose responsibility is to lead churches into inner-city work.

The idea was proposed by Dr. Donald Gibson, district superintendent.

Gibson told the assembly that \$1,000 a month would be needed. By the time the assembly closed, \$700 a month had been pledged. In an afternoon meeting, the Board of Church Extension and Evangelism voted to go ahead with the project, confident the rest of the money



Detroit New Hope Church of the Nazarene organization day, July 11, 1982

would come. Conner is chairman of the board.

The new staff member is Rev. Stephen Bringardner, pastor of Ann Arbor's University Church, where he has worked with minorities. He started his new job in August.

It is expected Bringardner will start inner-city churches in Detroit and Pontiac in his first year. Other responsibilities will be to oversee inner-city work in Flint, Pontiac, Detroit, and Ann Arbor; to create a school for equipping ministers and laymen in the inner city to work with their own people; and to organize church resources to alleviate needs in the inner city.

Several years ago, the assembly set a goal of establishing a Black church in Flint. That remains a goal of the district, Gibson said.

In July, a Detroit Black church was inaugurated, called the New Hope Church of the Nazarene. There are now three inner-city Detroit churches because of renewed concern, Conner said. □



While evangelists Rev. L. Thurl Mann and Rev. Larry Leckrone were at the DeRidder, La., church in revival and children's crusade, the church was literally moved. The old sanctuary and educational wing were sold and moved to make way for a sanctuary that will complement a recently completed educational unit. Pictured (l. to r.) are Mr. D. A. Peterson, member of the local church board, building committee and District Advisory Board; Rev. Curtis Gosey, buyer and pastor of Come and See Baptist Church; Rev. Don R. Reed, pastor of the DeRidder church; Rev. L. Thurl Mann and Rev. Larry Leckrone, evangelists; and Mr. J. T. Porter, owner of Porters' House Moving and Wrecking Company. Both the revival and children's crusade were blessed of God as children and adults found Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. On Friday night, as Rev. Mann and wife, Mary Katherine, were singing, people began to come to the altar. Two hours later, after three altar services without any preaching or pulling, nearly everyone in the service had received help.

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Recently, Mrs. Betty McCormick (l.) of the Jacksonville, Fla., Oak Hill Church; and Dr. and Mrs. Donald V. Peal (center), pastor and wife of North Jacksonville, Fla., First Church, presented checks of \$5,000 each to Dr. L. Guy Nees, World Mission director (r.), to build a church in Guyana. A Work and Witness team organized by Dr. Peal will go to Guyana later, to build the church. Dr. Peal's gift was from the Peal family whom he represented. Mrs. McCormick's gift was in memory of her daughter who had been killed in an accident.

MISSION ACTION TRAINING AIMS AT CHURCH'S ANNIVERSARY GOALS

Dr. Raymond Hurn and Rev. Kent Anderson were featured speakers at the All-Ohio Congress No. 2 on Fulfilling the Great Commission. About 200 attended the meeting, planned especially for laymen to broaden the base

of interest in church extension. Pastors, district superintendents, college professors, district mission directors, and area mission action coordinators also attended the one-day conference at Grove City, Ohio.

Dr. Hurn, director of Church Extension Ministries, presented his just-off-the-press *Mission Action Sourcebook* to the group, outlining the steps for planting new churches.

Rev. Kent Anderson, pastor of Eugene, Ore., First Church, shared from his district involvement where more than 50 new works were launched in three years.

The gathering was also the occasion for the premiere showing of the film *A Church Is Born*.

Dr. Hurn announces that Church Extension will present a more intensive training of church planters in 1983. Two conferences are to be held in January, the first at Albuquerque, January 17-21. The second will be held at the King Conference Center in Kansas City, January 24-28.

Special attention will be given in the Albuquerque conference to planting churches among the Indian and Spanish populations, and the particular cultural problems to be confronted. The conference is sponsored by the New Mexico District, the North American Indian District, the Central Latin American District, and the Nazarene Indian Bible College.

Rev. Jerry Appleby, Ethnic/Urban coordinator, will be a featured speaker, as will Rev. D. L. Huffman of San Antonio.

At both conferences Dr. Hurn will instruct participants in starting new works by a method that insures an attendance of 100 or more people at the first Sunday's worship service. Instruction in the use of the *Mission Action Sourcebook* by Mission Action Committees and churches will be a priority item.

These conferences are to help church planters and prospective church planters to reap a mighty harvest in the church's 75th anniversary year.



Pictured are members and friends of Detroit Grace Church who pledged over \$4,000 in giving to others in a Faith Promise Service with Dr. Don Gibson, superintendent of the Eastern Michigan District. Rev. and Mrs. Bob Hunter, pastor of the congregation, are on the front row to the left.



The Charlotte, Mich., church, in response to the 11th annual celebration called "Frontier Days," decided to challenge the barroom format with a "Frontier Days Tent Meeting." Rev. Gerald Laing of Vicksburg, Mich., was the evangelist, and the "Freeze Family Singers" of Mount Pleasant, Mich., were the song evangelists. God used the ministry of these workers for a good meeting. The church averaged 77 a night with 121 on the closing Sunday evening. Those who attended were mainly church-oriented people. Several evangelical churches of the city as well as area Nazarene churches, cooperated. Pastor Arthur R. Salisbury reports this was the first attempt at a tent meeting in the city in at least 25 years.

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THE OREGON PLAN IS FOCUS OF EVANGELICAL CHURCH PLANTING CONFERENCE

Rev. Kent Anderson, of Eugene, Ore., First Church, and Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, director of Church Extension, spoke during mid-November to the Evangelism and Home Missions Association of Evangelicals in Springfield, Mo., at a conference of Consultation on Church Planting.

Rev. Anderson spoke on "The Building of the Oregon Plan" and "Finding the Church Planter."

Dr. Hurn led a workshop on "Ethnic Church Planting—How to Organize a Denomination for Maximum Growth."

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FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL DRIVE—HARVEST HANDS GRAND PRIZE WINNER

The Harvest Hands grand prize went to the Central Florida District and Key Kuple Mr. and Mrs. Lew Hall for going 13,766 over their base Sunday School attendance. The attendance drive began September 26 and ended October 31.

The grand prize is a brass plow mounted on marble.

There were nine districts that were regional blue ribbon winners: Canada Atlantic, Northeastern Indiana, West Virginia, Philadelphia, Iowa, Washington Pacific, West Texas, Central Florida, and Sacramento.

Blue ribbon winners received a set of brass bookends.

District competition winners received a leather-bound NIV Bible. □

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NAZARENE LAYMAN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF REFUGEE PROGRAMS

The Secretary of State has announced the appointment of James N. Purcell, Jr., as director of the Department of State Bureau of Refugee Programs. Mr. Purcell succeeded Ambassador Richard Vine, who retired from the career Foreign Service on September 17, 1982.

Mr. Purcell was deputy assistant secretary for Budget and Programs in the Bureau of Refugee Programs. He is a career member of the Senior Executive Service and has been employed by the federal government since 1962. He began his career with the U.S. Atomic

Energy Commission and joined the Agency for International Development as a management analyst in 1966. In 1968, he moved to the Office of Management and Budget as a budget preparation specialist and joined the Department of State in 1976.

He began his tour with the Bureau of Refugee Programs in 1979 and served as deputy assistant secretary to the bureau's Office of Financial Management prior to accepting his current position in 1981. For several months in 1981, Mr. Purcell was acting director of the Bureau of Refugee Programs, and he has been serving in this capacity since Ambassador Vine's retirement in September.

In his new position, Mr. Purcell will administer an annual budget in excess of \$400 million covering the State Department's efforts dedicated to the protection, overseas relief, and initial United States' reception for refugees.

Mr. Purcell earned his B.A. in political science, *cum laude*, from Furman University in 1961 and an M.P.A. from the Maxwell Graduate School, Syracuse University in 1962. He currently resides with his wife, Jean, and two daughters, Deirdre and Carole, in Columbia, Md.

The Purcells are members of Baltimore First Church where Rev. Mike Norris is the pastor. Jim and Jean are also a recently certified Marriage Enrichment leader-couple in the denomination. □

REV. REX H. EMSLIE DIES



Rev. Rex H. Emslie, retired missionary of the Church of the Nazarene, died November 18 following a heart attack suffered November 13. He had been a patient in the Johannesburg General Hospital.

Rev. Emslie was born October 12, 1913. He began his missionary career under the International Holiness Mission in November 1947. Rev. Emslie completed five terms of missionary service, giving a total of 31 years before his retirement in October 1978.

Rev. Emslie had served with distinction as church planter, field supervisor, field treasurer, Bible college teacher, and builder. Rev. Emslie had served in Acornhoek Transvaal, Lorraine, and Downs Mission Station for five years with the IHM. He then served at the Blouberg Mission Station, Cape Town, Durban, and Natal.

Rev. Emslie began his service with the Coloured and Indian Field in 1962 and continued on this district until his retirement. The last two years of his ministry were given to teaching in the Rehoboth Nazarene Bible College and

as advisor to the district superintendent of the Western Cape.

Rev. Emslie is survived by his wife, Betty, and their three children, Megan Grace, Donald Rex, and Jennifer Ann.

The memorial service was held Tuesday, November 23, in the Chatsworth church, near Durban. □

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COLLIER ELECTED TO GENERAL BOARD

Robert W. Collier, of West Vancouver, was elected November 12 to the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene from the Canadian Region, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Rimington.

Mr. Collier is a past General Board member, 1972-80. He served on both the Education and the Ministry and the Home Missions departments of the board.

He will assume an assignment on the Finance Committee, the same post held by Mr. Rimington. □

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1980 CHURCH AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A report of a study of churches and church membership in the United States was recently released. It is of interest as to where the Church of the Nazarene fits into the mosaic that seems to be dominated by Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Latter Day Saints, Lutheran, and Methodist churches.

Actually, such a chart is only half the picture because half of the U.S. population *does not* attend church and is not represented on the map. There is still a great harvest field.

Of the 50 percent of the U.S. population that *does* attend some church that counts them, the Church of the Nazarene as a denomination accounts for 8/10 of 1 percent.

By regions, of the nine used in the study, the Church of the Nazarene is above its national average (.8 percent) in two regions—the Eastern North Central and the Pacific regions, both at 1.2 percent of the population.

Of the 50 states, the Church of the Nazarene is above its national average in 17 states, with West Virginia having 3.4 percent of its population as Nazarenes.

By counties and counting church bodies, the denomination does even better. There are 17 denominations with 1 million or more constituents, and 25 less than 1 million but more than 100 thousand. In this grouping, the Church of the Nazarene is ranked 25th in membership. However, the Church of the Nazarene is ranked 8th in the number of counties in which there are churches. □

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